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Balkan Alarm Grows

London, To-day.
There is again feverish political activity in the Balkans, reports the "Daily Telegraph's" Balkans correspondent.

While officially a calm attitude is preserved, there is a substantial undercurrent of nervousness.

There is uncertainty as to Italy's ultimate policy in the Balkans and there are renewed fears of German or Russian aggression.

For the moment, indeed, the centre of anxiety seems to have shifted from the Scandinavian and Low Countries to South-Eastern Europe.

The Budapest correspondent of the "News-Chronicle" asserts that German troops have occupied, with Russian consent, the railway line leading to Rumania through Russian Poland. He adds that it seems that a corridor some 26 miles wide will be handed over to the Germans. — Reuter.

PLANES NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

"No country at present possesses 'planes adapted for modern warfare'—this is the opinion voiced in German aeronautical circles, according to neutral observers just back from Germany.

These observers state that Herr Orlovius, the German aeronautical expert, openly declared to the Press that the Reich is closely watching American experiments with great bombers, as at present European bombers are unable to effect long distance flights without protection.—Havas.

5,000 ITALIANS FOR FINLAND

PARIS, TO-DAY.
ACCORDING TO THE "PARIS SOIR," 5,000 ITALIAN VOLUNTEERS ARE NOW EN ROUTE TO HELSINKI.

The newspaper says that General Mannerheim has thanked France and Britain for their first consignments. "Petit Parisien" says that French aid to Finland has already made itself felt and that Swedish assistance is also becoming apparent.—Havas.

FRENCH RAILWAY SMASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
Seven were killed and 40 injured (mostly trivially) when trains returning from the Front with men on leave collided near Troyes, Champagne.—Havas.

ITALIAN LINER FIRE DRAMA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French Wireless yesterday afternoon picked up "SOS" calls from the Italian liner Orazio, bound for Genoa from Barcelona.

Radio flashes revealed that the ship was afire at a spot roughly south of Toulon, with 600 passengers on board. Two French destroyers immediately left for the scene of the disaster.

Another Italian liner radio-ed that it had received the "SOS" and was rushing to the assistance of her sister-ship.

At 6 p.m., the Orazio radio-ed again, asking all ships rushing to her assistance to be ready to pick up lifeboats with passengers, as the ship was being abandoned. — Havas.

TAKEN OFF

Later. — The latest reports state that the 600 passengers and the crew have been safely taken off by the French destroyers, an Italian liner and other ships in the vicinity.

The Orazio is a vessel of 11,660 tons on the South American run. She left Genoa for Barcelona on Saturday; from Barcelona she was to proceed to Valparaiso, Chile.

A large number of Italians and South Americans were on board, the former including the Italian Air Mission to Bolivia. — Havas.

Later.
The fire on board the "Orazio" seems to have spread with startling rapidity, and it was practically out of control as soon as it was discovered, according to the latest reports.

Measures are being taken at Marseilles and Barcelona to receive any injured among the passengers and crew.

Rescue ships have received no information on the cause of the outbreak.—Havas.

KRONSTADT AND BALTIC HONORED

FINLAND, To-day.
Finland's plans to honor the Soviet Navy's Baltic Fleet and also to honor the Finnish Navy at Helsinki where a Soviet Air Base was established under the Soviet-Finnish non-aggression pact.—Havas.

FUSS OVER BRITISH NAVAL ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

THE ACTION OF A BRITISH cruiser in stopping the "Asama Maru" on the high seas and taking off German passengers has caused excitement in Japan, where the newspapers are sharply critical.

One newspaper describes the incident as an "act of piracy" and all contend that the action was illegal. The "Asahi Shimbun" says that the Japanese Foreign Office attached considerable importance to the incident.

This newspaper asserts that the British Naval Attache in Tokyo had earlier intimated that British warships had been instructed to take certain German passengers from the "Asama Maru" and declares that the reply of the Japanese Government was that no exception would be taken to the removal of Germans on military service. The "Asahi Shimbun," which says that 21 Germans were taken from the "Asama Maru," declares that they could not be regarded as men on military service.

In the meantime, reports from San Francisco show that the men concerned did not come from the crew of the liner "Columbus."—Havas.

STATE FUNERAL FOR SENATOR BORAH

Washington, To-day.

The late Senator Borah is to be given a State Funeral, attended by the President and his Cabinet and

FIRE ON ITALY'S NEW BATTLESHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

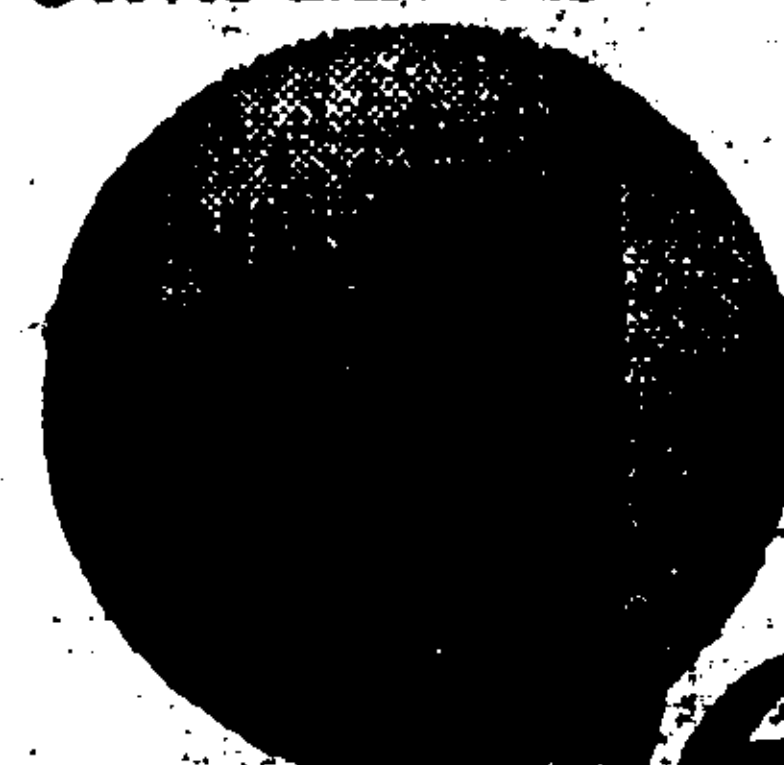
Rome, To-day.

It was persistently rumored here last night that fire had broken out on board the 35,000-ton battle-cruiser Littorio, newest unit of the Italian fleet, which only recently completed her speed trials.

The naval authorities stated that they had no information and refused to make any statement.—Havas.

members of the Diplomatic Corps. — Reuter.

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WHAT IS THE BRITISH NAVY DOING—SO QUIETLY

London, To-day.

EXCEPT FOR THE LOSS of three submarines, there has not been much news from the sea this week, commented the Naval Observer of the B.B.C. in a weekly review of the war last night.

There has been nothing spectacular, and it is therefore easy to conclude that nothing has been happening. This was what the American papers were saying just before the Graf Spee was sunk; they asked: What is the British Navy doing?

The Navy, points out the Observer, is only in the public eye on occasions, and then we realise that there is one. But once the excitement of the particular incident is over, the Navy again becomes a rather mysterious service and disappears behind the censorship and the horizon — but its work never stops.

The Navy now holds control of the sea; in other words, the German fleet, such as it is, is not free to tour the oceans and threaten trade routes. It is impotent, and the normal life of people away from the actual scene of conflict goes on.

The enemy, however, cannot be completely stopped and they try to become a nuisance, attempting to stop goods, food, etc. from reaching Britain, interfering with it by means of U-boats, raiders, mines and aeroplanes.

NEW INVENTIONS

These new inventions mean that the command of the sea cannot be absolute and so the Navy has the job of escorting merchant vessels and locating and sweeping mines. Great areas are swept daily, whatever the weather, for mines. It is a colossal job, but the Navy is dealing very successfully with it.

Since the war started, 6,500 merchant ships have been convoyed by the Navy, with the loss of only 12; a huge army of soldiers has been conveyed to France, it is being fed and supplied; and men come and go on leave; a contingent from Canada has been conveyed across the Atlantic; and 35 U-boats have been sunk.

Typical of the Navy's work is that of just one escort vessel, which from September 3 to December 31—119 days—spent 103 days at sea. During the remainder, it had to refuel and victual, so that it was probably never in port for more than a few hours at a time.

While at sea, the crew were always at action or defence stations for long periods, keyed up, and this was a great strain on both men and machinery. But this escort vessel is only one of many.

The U-boats have been so successfully hunted that they now prefer to operate further afield, preferably attacking the ships of small neutral nations.

DANGEROUS WORK

Meanwhile, the Royal Navy's cruisers are hunting down German merchant ships and raiders. It is dangerous work, but as we have had ample evidence, the Navy knows what to do with them when it finds them.

But all this is only part of the Navy's work. It is only possible, the Observer concluded, because of the preponderance of the Main Battle Fleet, which provides a shield behind which the peaceful trade of the whole world goes on.—Reuter.

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WELL-TO-DO TAIPO MERCHANT FACES ROBBERY CHARGE!

CHEUNG TAI-KWAI, A KAIFONG, in the Taiipo district, appeared before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell this morning, at the Criminal Sessions, together with Chau Hing and Chau Sung, charged with attempted robbery in New Taiipo Market on November 21 and with conspiring to rob.

RAF BOMB GERMAN WARSHIPS

London, To-day.
An exciting action between British aircraft and German surface craft occurred yesterday.

British bombs dropped so close to the German warships that it is considered impossible that they could have escaped damage.

The Air Ministry statement on the incident says that while engaged in reconnaissance in the North Sea yesterday morning, British aircraft sighted four enemy patrol craft which opened up with heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The aircraft retaliated by dropping bombs, some of which were seen to fall within a few yards of the vessels. Our aircraft suffered no casualties or damage. — Reuter.

LAYING NEW MINEFIELD

London, To-day.
The German patrol ships bombed by the Royal Air Force yesterday in the North Sea are believed to have been caught in the act of sowing a new minefield across the traffic lane between Denmark and Great Britain. — Reuter.

COLONIAL OFFICE CHANGE

An official communique states:— It was announced on July 19 that Sir Cosmo Parkinson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., O.B.E., had been selected for appointment as Permanent Under Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs in succession to Sir Edward Harding, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., and that Sir George Gater, C.M.G., D.S.O., had been selected for appointment as Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies in succession to Sir Cosmo Parkinson.

These appointments would have been made in the Autumn had it not been for the outbreak of war which prevented them from being put into effect then.

It has now become possible for Sir Cosmo Parkinson and Sir George Gater to take up their new appointments on February 1, 1940.

QUARANTINE AGAINST HONG KONG

Shanghai, To-day.
Effective from to-morrow, all passengers from Hong Kong are required to possess vaccination certificates not more than 12 months old.

This is the result of a Shanghai Customs declaration that Hong Kong is a smallpox-infected port. — Reuter.

BRITISH NATIONAL SAVINGS DRIVE

London, To-day.
The British National Savings Campaign has now been running for two months, and already £31,000,000 worth of certificates have been issued. This is £4,000,000 more than in any two consecutive months of the last war. — Reuter.

Cheung Tai-kwai was also charged with attempting to dissuade a witness from giving evidence.

Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. H. A. Botelho, was for defendant, while the Crown's case was conducted by Mr. T. J. Gould.

The jury was composed of Messrs. W. M. Gittins (foreman), A. M. Tavares, S. S. Sequeira, Cheung Wai-sui, M. S. Grewal, H. L. Carsen and G. N. Davrieux.

Mr. Gould said defendants were charged with attempting to rob Cheung Fat. Early on the morning of November 21, Cheung Po, a fisherman, saw four men walking in the road. He shone his torch and they did the same. When they came up, they pointed a revolver at him. Three had revolvers and one an iron bar. One called to him and he recognised the voice as that of Cheung Tai-kwai. On coming closer he recognised him. First accused he had known for some months. The fourth man was not arrested.

Cheung Po was sworn to secrecy by threats and was told that the men intended to rob Cheung Fat.

That night, Cheung Fat's house was entered and this confirmed the story. The men gained entry by pretending to want to buy cakes. Cheung Fat's brother opened the door and saw masked men. He raised the alarm when he was able to free himself. The men went into the house and in a struggle, Cheung's wife was hit on the head with a torch as was her son.

Later, Cheung Po saw third accused and had a conversation with him, during which accused said he had scolded his men for the unsuccessful robbery. Accused was a fish dealer in Tai Po. He gave Cheung Po a dollar to leave Taiipo.

HOUSE RAIDED

Cheung Tai-kwai's shop was later raided on a warrant and a revolver, a shot gun and some ammunition were found. Accused, however, had a licence for their possession. He was taken into custody in connection with the robbery but was released on bail.

After this, Cheung Tai-kwai attempted to induce Cheung Po to leave for Macao so that he would not be available as a witness.

Cheung Po had previously made a report to the Police. Arrangements were made for Cheung Po and his wife to leave for Macao and accused accompanied them to the boat where he was arrested in the act of paying over money.

In reply to the charge, continued Mr. Gould, Cheung Tai-kwai said that he had given Cheung Po money but the accusation against him was false.

Cheung Fat gave evidence of the robbery and under cross-examination by Mr. Anderson said his salary was about \$80 or \$90 a month. He had no savings in the house. He knew the third accused for over 20 years but not the other men. Ten years ago he was the accused's accountant. Accused was well known in Taiipo. He was one of the biggest fish dealers there and was a rich man. He had never quarrelled with accused and was on good terms with him. Accused had assisted him last year by guaranteeing a cousin of his to a job in the S.C.A.

He agreed, with Mr. Anderson that it was most unlikely that accused would rob him.

The case is continuing.

RUMANIAN TALKS WITH YUGOSLAVIA

Bucharest, To-day.
M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, has had a 2-hour meeting with the Yugoslavian Foreign Minister near the common frontier of the two countries.

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HOW THE WAR BEGAN

Disclosures In The French Yellow Book

BRITAIN AND GERMANY—A CONTRAST

London, To-day.

A contrast between conditions in Britain and Germany is afforded by the fact that for several weeks now, on every Sunday, hundreds of parents travel by rail into the country to visit their evacuated children.

This does not cost them a penny. Yesterday, for instance, nearly 3,000 people were carried by the Southern Railway to western England and Sussex, Kent and Hampshire. These trips are in addition to the ordinary rail services and show how well able to cope with special circumstances the British railways are.

The position of the Nazi railways is far different. At 7 p.m. on Saturday, the German radio announced further restrictions on journeys to home and family of Germans working away from their normal place of residence.

Not only are they limited by last November's order as to the number of journeys they may make, but privileges whereby in certain cases extra journeys were granted have now been cancelled.—Reuter.

HOLLAND COMPLAINS

London, To-day.

The Netherlands Minister in London is inquiring into reports that British planes flew over Holland on two successive nights last week, presumably in connection with R.A.F. reconnaissance flights over North-West Germany.—Reuter.

EFFORTS TO DIVIDE BRITAIN AND FRANCE

THE FRENCH YELLOW-BOOK on the events leading to the war is particularly valuable in that it covers a wider period than the British Blue-book and starts with the invasion of Austria instead of with the occupation of Prague. It is thus possible to reveal the earlier stages of the German attempt to divide Britain and France.

In October, 1938, M. Francois-Poncet took leave of Hitler in the mountain eyrie at Berchtesgaden before relinquishing the French Embassy in Berlin. The Fuehrer on this occasion complained bitterly of Great Britain, but professed his desire for friendly relations with France. Except for tirades against Britain he was calm, moderate, and conciliatory.

But the Yellow-book reproduces the following illuminating comment made by the Ambassador afterwards:—

I have no illusion as to the character of Adolf Hitler. I know that he is mercurial, a dissimulator, contradictory, uncertain. The same man of debonaire mien, sensitive to the beauties of nature, who set forth at the tea-table to me reasonable views on European policy, is capable of the worst frenzies, of the most savage exaltations, of the most delirious ambitions. There are days on which, standing before a globe of the world, he overturns nations, continents, geography, and history like a man possessed of a mad demoniacal force. At other times he dreams of being the hero of an eternal peace, in the bosom of which he hopes to build grandiose monuments. The advances which he is disposed to make to France are dictated by a sentiment which he shares—at least intermittently—with the majority of Germans—namely, lassitude at an age-long duel and the desire to put an end to it. . . . But one can be certain that at the same time the Fuehrer remains faithful to his an-

xiously to drive a wedge into the Anglo-French block and to stabilize peace in the West so as to have his hands free in the East.

BRITAIN THE ENEMY

The papers dealing with the negotiations leading up to the Franco-German declaration of December 6, 1938, also contain much evidence of the German attempt, sternly resisted by the French, to make friends with France at Great Britain's expense; and they show that Germany had decided shortly after Munich that Britain was the enemy. M. Bonnet wrote that Ribbentrop, when he came to Paris to sign the declaration, placed the blame for Anglo-German tension entirely on the shoulders of Great Britain, and made the surprising statement that the German Government had been unable to restrain the German Press campaign against Britain.

Last February the French Ambassador in Berlin reported a long conversation in which Ribbentrop defined German foreign policy in these words:

Our objective in foreign policy is twofold—to fight Bolshevism by every means, and notably through the machinery of the Anti-Comintern Pact; and to recover our colonies. On the first point, believe me, the struggle on which we have engaged is without quarter on either side. As regards the Soviets, we shall remain as inflexible as bronze. Never shall we come to any agreement with Bolshevik Russia.

OVERTURES TO RUSSIA

On April 30 the French Ambassador in Warsaw reported that he was informed from a good source that in the preceding September, January, and March the German Government had proposed at Warsaw collaboration against the Soviet Union. Colonel Beck had stated that the German proposals went much farther than the accession of Poland to the Anti-Comintern Pact.

Yet a few days later the French Ambassador in Berlin, M. Coulondre, reported that, according to a statement made to a member of his staff by one of Hitler's intimates, the Fuehrer intended to reach an agreement with Russia.

When (declared the informant) it is a question of executing a plan, there are no juridical or ideological conditions which can stand in the way. You particularly should know that a very Catholic King did not hesitate long ago to make an alliance with the Turks. Moreover, are the two regimes really different? Are they not nearly identical in the economic sphere, although for our part we have in a certain measure maintained private enterprise. . . . Just as Herr Hitler did not think that he could settle the Austrian and Czechoslovak questions without the assent of Italy, so he no longer thinks to-day of settling the German-Polish dispute without Russia.

There have already been three partitions of Poland; surely, believe me, you will see a fourth.

POLAND MUST DISAPPEAR. M. Coulondre reported that the Fuehrer had said that the immediate object was

MOVEMENTS IN GALICIA

[SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL"]
ROME, TO-DAY.

THE FASCIST PRESS REPORTS THE MOVEMENT OF SOVIET TROOPS AND WORKMEN IN THE CARPATHIANS, WHILE REPORTS FROM BELGIUM AGAIN ALLEGE THE PRESENCE OF GERMAN TROOPS IN THE OIL-FIELDS OF GALICIA, IN RUSSIAN OCCUPIED POLAND.

The "Popolo d'Italia" reports that about 100,000 Soviet workmen, commanded by Soviet military officers, have arrived on the Polish-Slovakian border apparently to construct fortifications.—Havas.

FOREIGN BROADCAST SENTENCES

Berlin, To-day.

Penalties for Germans caught listening to foreign radio broadcasts are becoming more and more severe.

The latest offender, a German living near the Polish-German frontier, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment; his wife gets one year in gaol.—Reuter.

deliberately imparted to the French Embassy with a view to discouraging and intimidating the French Government. On May 22 he made the following observations:—

The hypothesis that Poland will conform to the views and follow in the wake of Germany, however, unlikely this may seem at the moment, is apparently not yet entirely excluded by Herr von Ribbentrop. But in the view of the German Minister for Foreign Affairs the Polish State cannot fundamentally have a durable character. Sooner or later it must disappear, partitioned once more between Germany and Russia. In Herr von Ribbentrop's conception the idea of such a partition is intimately bound with that of a rapprochement between Berlin and Moscow. So far as the head of the Wilhelmstrasse is concerned, such a rapprochement must in the long run be indispensable and inevitable. In accordance with the nature of things, and with a tradition which is still very much alive in Germany, it would alone permit a durable settlement of the German-Polish dispute, that is to say, in conformity with the method already applied to Czechoslovakia, the liquidation of Poland. But above all, it would allow the leaders of the Reich to destroy British power. That is the principal objective which Herr von Ribbentrop is said to have set himself—the one aim, the realization of which he is said to pursue untiringly with the obstinacy of a fanatic.

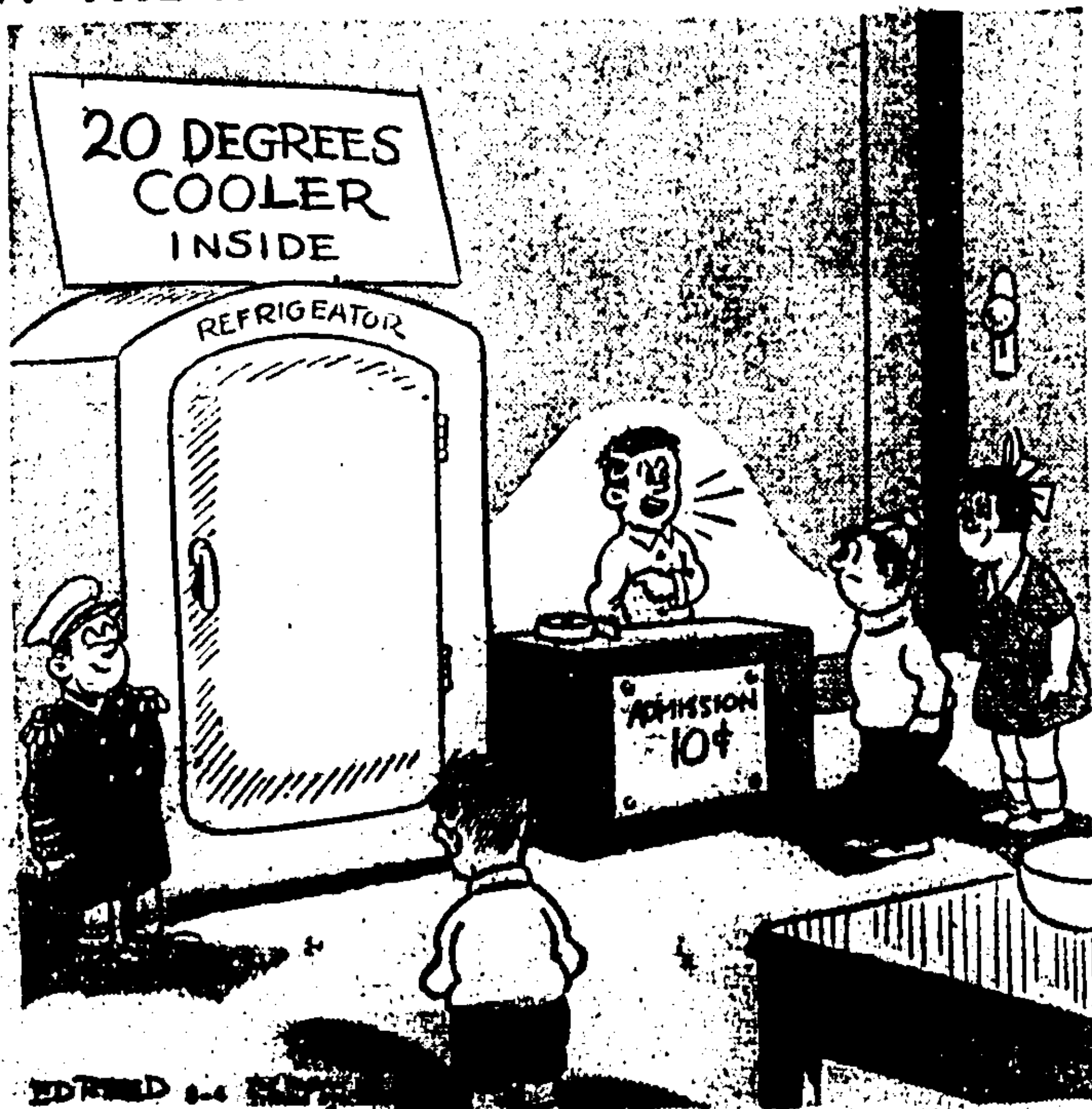
In an offensively worded letter of July 13, addressed to M. Bonnet, Ribbentrop claimed that the Franco-German declaration gave Germany a free hand in the East, and tried to argue that if war ensued over Poland it would be entirely the responsibility of France. M. Bonnet, in his reply, dealt effectively with this argument, and concluded:—

France desires peace ardently, and no one can doubt this. But no one, on the other hand, can doubt the resolve of the French Government to hold to their engagements. I cannot allow it to be said that our country would be responsible for war, because it had honoured its signature.

But the Germans were also trying to discourage the French by arguing that Great Britain would not intervene, and that the French Ambassador in Berlin had stated that the German State Secretary had admitted that the Franco-Polish alliance would have to come to an end. . . .

OFF THE RECORD

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WALTHAM EXPLOSION

FACTORY WORKING AGAIN TO-DAY

London, To-day.

According to the Ministry of Supply statement, work will be resumed this morning in some of the buildings at the Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey, where repairs to the damage caused by the explosion have been proceeding all the week.

The structure of the factory has been designed to prevent the effect of possible explosion spreading, thus while the windows in houses were shattered some distance away, the windows in the factory buildings within a few yards of the explosion remained intact.

After visiting the injured men detained in hospital as a result of the explosion, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Supply said that one was returning home immediately, a second would be discharged from hospital within a week and a third was making satisfactory progress.

Colonel Llewellyn said the small number of casualties was largely attributed to the safety measures enforced in the factory.—British Wireless.

A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT with the Finnish Forces on the Central (Salla) Front reports that the Soviet troops there are first-class soldiers, well-equipped and more expertly led than those of the two defeated divisions.

The present Soviet defeat does not decide the battle of the Salla Front, he says, but has merely moved it 30 miles nearer the Russian frontier.

JAPANESE BLOCKADE

Two Japanese warships, Destroyer No. 10 and cruiser No. 9, stopped four cargo junks in the vicinity of the San Mun Customs Station, Chinese territory, on Friday, according to reports made to the Police yesterday on the arrival of the victims.

The junks were ordered alongside the Japanese warships, where the cargoes were transferred.

The masts, rudders, and sails of the junks were destroyed before they were set free.

In one case, the junk was set on fire.

SELENGA TRAGEDY

A Russian fireman, S. I. Trominoff, 25, member of the crew of the Soviet vessel, "Selenga," was killed yesterday when he fell from the mast into one of the holds.

The body was removed to the Kowloon Public Mortuary.

The Russians have, in fact, gained strong defence positions but at the same time have weakened their position for a new offensive.

The Finns claim to have destroyed two Soviet tanks in this sector.

The Finnish Army in this sector is fortifying the ground over which it advances. The Finnish lines here, says the correspondent, are many miles deep and if the Russians attempt to return this way in another attempt to cut the Finnish "waist-line," their task will be a far more difficult one than it was when the Finns had practically no defences at all.

INCREDIBLE SPEED

The correspondent comments on the "incredible speed" with which the Finns are carrying out the work of fortifying the sector as they advance after the retreating Russians.—Reuter.

EMPHATIC NAZI DENIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

GERMAN POLITICAL QUARTERS INSISTENTLY STRESS THAT THE REICH IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE EXPLOITATION OF THE

INTENSE COLD IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.
The snow which began on Saturday ceased yesterday shortly before noon.

Some 250 bodies of persons who succumbed to the intense cold have been picked up in the streets during the last two days. The majority were children.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAZI ATTACK ON FRENCH OUTPOST

Paris, To-day.

A sharp Nazi attack on a French outpost west of the Vosges was described by the French official wireless commentator yesterday.

The attack was prepared by artillery, but failed, being easily repulsed. The Germans were dispersed and some of them seemed to have lost their way.

French and British aeroplanes, said the announcer, attacked several U-boats; he gave no details.

There was a German reconnaissance flight over France and a similar flight by French 'planes over southern Germany.—Reuter.

GALICIAN OILFIELDS.

Germany obtains her oil from there through an agreement with the Soviet.

The same quarters deny that the demarcation line in Poland has been modified with the view to give Germany some share in these oilfields.—Havas.

GERMANY'S WAR ON NEUTRAL NERVES

London, To-day.

COMMENTING EDITORIALY on the German threat to Belgium and Holland, the "Sunday Times" under the heading of "War of Nerves," says, "If at the present season Hitler cannot unleash his monster armies, at least by moving them about he can try to terrorise the public of first this and then that neutral State.

"At one moment, it is Holland and Belgium. At another Hungary and Rumania. At yet another it may be Denmark and Scandinavia or Jugoslavia or Switzerland.

"The advantage of such manoeuvres is that his possible victims cannot ignore them. They must watch and wait in full force and expensive effort and nerve-racking tension.

"On the other hand, the cost to Germany is little or nothing. She has to keep her reserve armies somewhere and frontiers like those of Belgium and Holland where they are immune from bombing or shellfire, and handy for reinforcing if required on the war front, are very well adapted for depots. The same may be said of the eastern front."

OTHER TACTICS

The "Sunday Times" continues by pointing out that it is not only by troop movements that Germany attempts to terrorise her neutral neighbours.

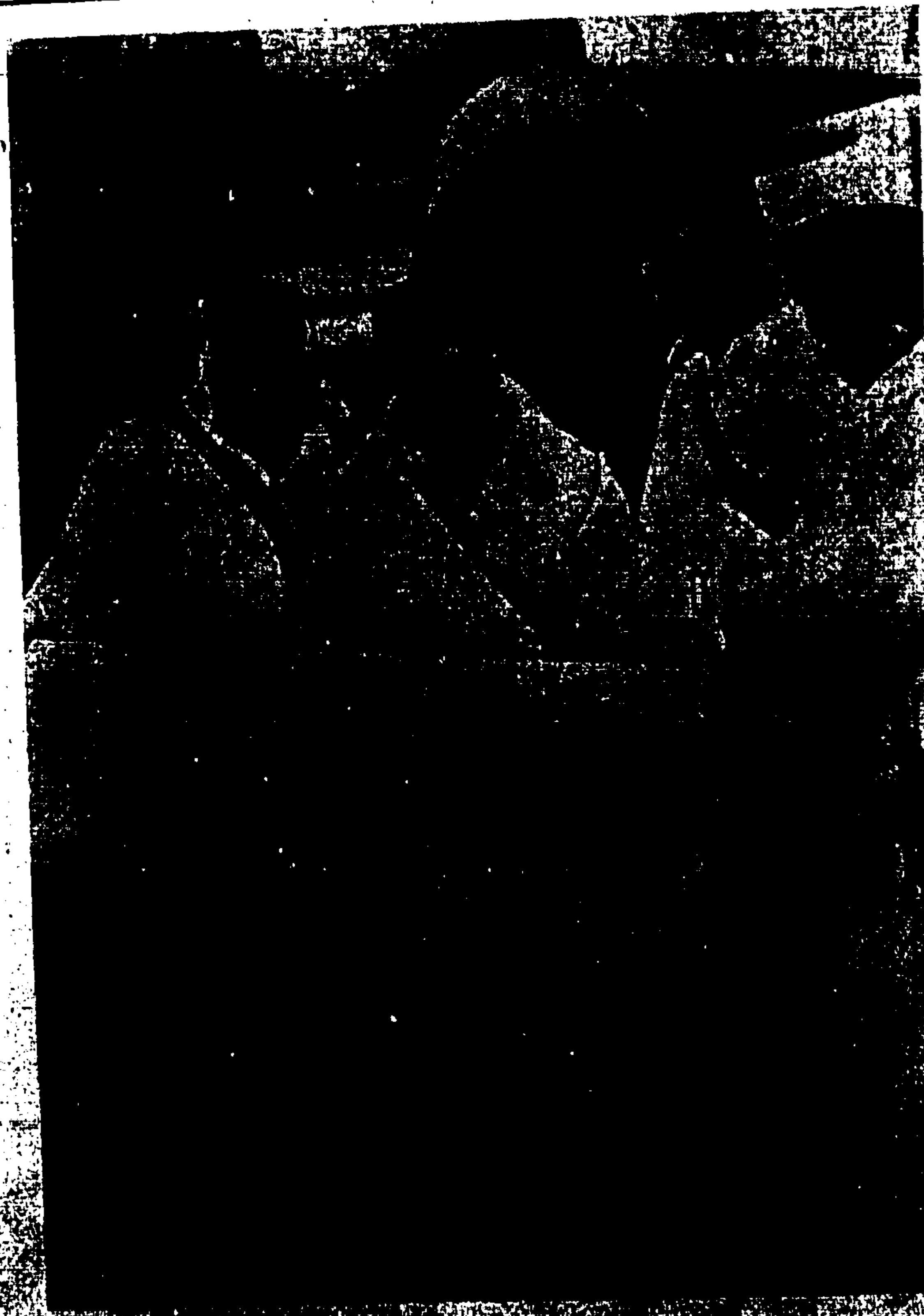
"Threats and denunciations in her Press are also aimed to keep them on tenterhooks. Another method is that of the object lesson. The swift over-running of Poland was one such. The

undisguised atrocities now practiced on that country are another.

"Germany wants neutrals to be persuaded not only that it is hopeless to resist her but that in any country that does resist the most ruthless cruelties will be suffered by the population. Like a woman tyrant she does not mind being hated, provided she is sufficiently feared.

RUTHLESS SINKINGS

"The same ruthlessness partly from the same motive is being developed in her treatment of neutral shipping. Acts like the sinking of the Dutch ship "Silfverschi" and "Arndakerk," the Danish "Canadian Reefer" and the Norwegian steamer "Eid" cannot be defended and any principle known to international law. They are deliberate acts of arbitrary brutality committed for no purpose but to terrify the nations whom they have wronged."—British Wireless.



AUSTRALIANS AT THEIR DEPOT—THE AUSTRALIANS IN BRUSSELS are shown in their training before going to the front. They are studying charts before going to the front. Copy right, 1940, by the Associated Press.

DANGER OF DISPUTE

Anglo-American Conflict On Mail Censorship

RISK OF IRRITATION TO SECURE NO IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE

Washington, To-day.

IN A LEADING ARTICLE, written by the managing director, Mr. Edwin James, "The New York Times" says that unless great care is exercised regarding British censorship of United States mails, both in Washington and in London, there is all the makings of an argument of no small proportions.

There exists a possibility, he writes, of a diplomatic difference which risks resembling the argument of world war days over the British Contraband bar against Germany.

IMPROVING HEALTH IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

British school-children to-day are healthier, taller and heavier, according to a report issued by the Chief Medical Officer of the Board of Education.

Medical examinations during the year showed that in England and Wales only one child in 200 was actually under-nourished; in London, the figure was still lower, 100 in 170,000.

Rickets as a crippling disease have almost completely disappeared in London, there is little tuberculosis and the death rate has declined.

Typical of some of the results are the following two cases:—

The average 5-year old boy in Sheffield is to-day 2 inches taller and 3 pounds heavier than was the case 20 years ago.

A typical 12-year old boy in Liverpool is 1½ inches taller and 6 pounds heavier than the average in 1909.

The report shows that the general health of the children is infinitely better than when the Medical Department began its work over 30 years ago. — Reuter.

NO MISTAKE POSSIBLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The captain of the Swedish steamer "Pajala" which was sunk by torpedo off the coast of Scotland on Saturday, stated that the German submarine could not be mistaken about the vessel's nationality since the flags painted on her sides were lit by powerful searchlights. — Havas.

DETAILS OF TREATY

Paris, Yesterday.

Details issued to-day of the new Franco-Spanish trade treaty show that Spain will get 87,500 tons of wheat and 17,500 tons of rice from French reserve stocks.

Spain will also obtain phosphates for agriculture and agricultural and electrical equipment.

France will import raw materials for French industry. — Reuter.

TIMES HAVE INDEED CHANGED

London, Yesterday.

The weekly journal "New Statesman and Nation" calls attention editorially to two events which it suggests, have a significance which has escaped comment in the daily press.

"The first was the appointment of a Soviet Minister in Bratislava and a Slovakian in Moscow.

"The second was a curt request received a few days ago by M. Zdenek Fierlinger, Czecho-Slovak Minister in Moscow, from the Soviet Government to regard his mission as at an end.

"These changes mean the U.S.S.R. has recognised the German Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia as well as the "autonomous" Slovak state."

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

The journal observes: "It is not uninteresting to recall the Note which M. Litvinov handed to the German Ambassador in Moscow on March 18, 1939.

"In that Note the Soviet Government declared it could not recognise either the annexation of Bohemia and Moravia or that of Slovakia, even under the form of autonomy, as corresponding with the standards of international law or the principle of self-determination. But times have changed." — British Wireless.

BELGO-GERMAN CONVERSATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The German Ambassador, Count Von Bulow Schwante, was entertained at a dinner given by the Foreign Minister, M. Spaak.

The two statesmen had a long conference. — Havas.

DEATH FOR THE DEFEATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The severest penalties—even death—were meted out by Soviet military tribunals to survivors of the 44th Red Division (which was routed by the Finns at Suomus-salmi), reliable reports received in Stockholm state.

The sentences were based on the fact that the Soviet troops abandoned in their flight an important quantity of valuable war material. — Havas.

GERMAN REQUESTS OF BELGIUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The "Sunday Express" reports that Germany has presented Belgium with several important secret requests, including a loan of 10,000 railway carriages.

The Reich indicated that it would pay a reasonable price for use of these carriages which were needed for the transport of men and materials.

This confirms the bad state of German rolling stock which were responsible for the frequency of accidents lately.

The "Sunday Express" believes that Belgium will not grant the requests. — Havas.

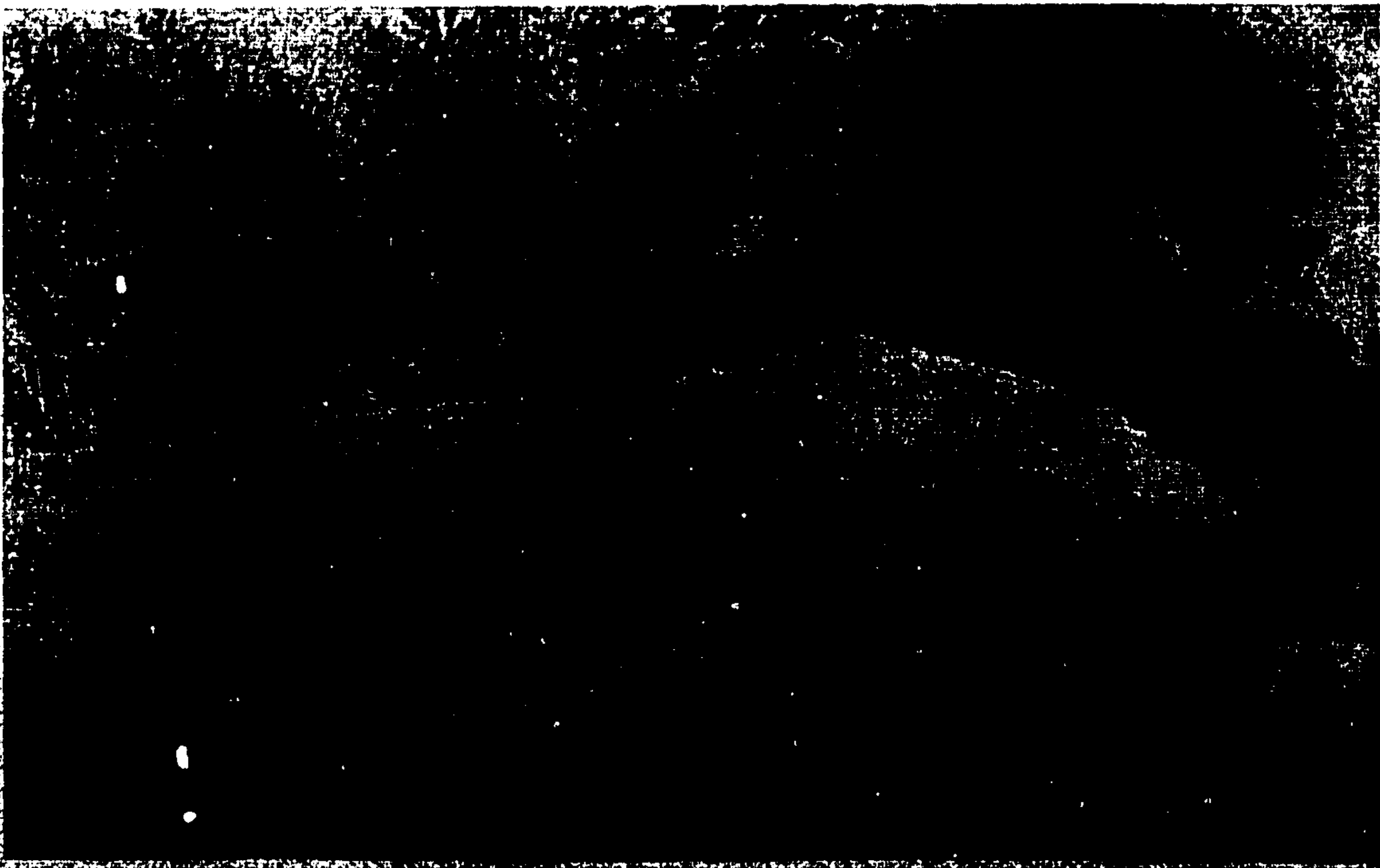
CATHOLICS IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The Missionary News Agency reports that 8,160 persons were converted by Catholicism in Japan during 1938-39.

There are now 283,500 Catholics in Japan. — Havas.



R.A.F. IN THE SNOW IN HAVAS. (Air Mail, Copenhagen.)

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

COORDINATOR GAUSS

The appointment by President Roosevelt, of Consul General Clarence Gauss as first United States Minister to Australia, is a step in coordination in the American Pacific policy. Mr. Gauss, consul-general in Shanghai, has been a chief coordinator in American Far Eastern policy, and has done an excellent job with a delicate situation.

Australia is somewhat removed from the centre of the Far Eastern diplomatic field, but it is vitally important in the whole programme of Pacific policy-making. The post needs a trained man with a level head. It gets exactly that. It gets a trained and tried, career man, not a politician.

The recent visit of Consul General Gauss to the Philippines and his conferences with High Commissioner Sayre and Admiral Hart here take on extra significance in light of this new appointment. The coordination represented in the conferences here has added meaning by virtue of the assignment of one of the coordinators to a strategic post on the front on which coordination and systematic planning are urgently needed.—"Manila Bulletin."

BEWARE

The Allies have also at this critical moment to beware of an alternative German manoeuvre to their involvement with Russia. Nazi propaganda is sedulously cultivating the doctrine that Bolshevism may overwhelm Europe unless the Western Powers join hands with Germany to check and defeat it. If such a danger exists—and Stalin's attack on Finland has revived fears of it—the responsibility rests with Hitler, who rose to power on his flaming denunciations of the "Red terror," only to join hands with it when no other path to European dominion was open to him. Worst of all in his deal with the Kremlin and thwarted by the Allies, he would use them now if he could to break the growing power of Russia, and turn upon them afterwards. The way to European peace and reconstruction does not lie in that direction. Hitlerism itself remains the principal obstacle to that better order in Europe of which Mr. Chamberlain has spoken, and though the goal may seem to recede as Russia throws Northern Europe into convulsion and threatens the Balkans and Asia Minor, the Allies are resolved to strive undeviatingly towards it. The fate which threatens Finland to-day was the fate of Poland yesterday, and of Czechoslovakia last year. Such cruel wrongs can be prevented and righted only by the victory of the principles for which Britain and France are struggling.—"Sydney Morning Herald."

SENSATION

Mr. Hore-Bellisha's removal from the War Office will create a national sensation. That would not matter if the man chosen to replace him were likely to bring greater energy, vision and statesmanship to one of the most vital posts in the War Cabinet.

But the record of Mr. Oliver Stanley gives the public no such assurance. As for Mr. Bellisha, the public will want to know why he has been sacked in this way.—"Daily Herald."

CABINET CHANGES

Mr. Chamberlain has given the country a sharp surprise. It will also be a disturbing one until its results can be measured by experience. Two of the Ministerial changes will evoke no criticism. The appointment of Sir Andrew Duncan to the Board of Trade and of Sir John Reith to the Ministry of Information promises improved efficiency in both Departments. But the removal of Mr. Hore-Bellisha from the War Office will give the public more than an uneasy weekend.

There is no difference of policy, it is announced, between Mr. Chamberlain and his late colleague. The most natural inference from such a statement is that in the application of the Government's policy there has been discord between the ex-Secretary for War and his military colleagues. There may be inconveniences in the way of discussing such a point. But the price of silence may be a much more harmful growth of popular faction and legend. Whatever watch Mr. Hore-Bellisha may set upon his own lips, his record will maintain its eloquence. He has left a deeper and more beneficial mark upon the Army than any predecessor since Lord Haldane. His vigour and his forward vision have done the State much service. In no quarter can his disappearance from office pass without concern.

PEACE AIMS

One can readily understand that any of the belligerents must be very uncertain about the conditions in which peace will be made. The Allies have spoken of the restoration of Poland and Czechoslovakia, and recently have included Austria, although naturally they have not been specific about forms or boundaries. They hope they will not have to fight Russia to restore Poland. And they hope that Finland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Hungary, and Rumania will not have to be restored. Mr. Chamberlain is not for "redrawing the map"—a statement which may be intended to head off a French desire for splitting up Germany.

And he lays down some general features of the "new Europe" which should be reassuring to the Germans and to all questioners of Britain's policy:

1. An end of aggression, permitting settlement of boundaries by negotiations between neighbours meeting on equal terms.
2. Increased standard of living, to be obtained by full flow of trade.
3. Each country to choose its own form of government provided foreign policy is not injurious to neighbours.
4. Gradual disarmament to level needed for internal law and order.

There is something to think about. It is not a complete programme of peace aims. It will need to be filled out. Nations will have to show what case in point, the public interest would they will contribute to its fulfilment. But surely negotiated boundaries are cheaper than the methods which produced this war. And is not a free strong front a valuable contribution to the forces of independent peace?—"The Observer."

WISDOM, NOT WAR

Far better for Stalin, reasserting his own common sense, to abandon the claim to Hangoo, which is just like the old English claim to hold Calais as well as Dover—and to guarantee Finnish independence upon permanent terms of mutual security.—J. L. Garvin.

The issue is not one for pre-judgment. Administration demands harmony, and cases arise in which the most gifted of individuals have to be sacrificed to the demands of teamwork. It would not be necessary to go further back than the last war for purposes of illustration. If this is a case in point, the public interest would be served best by making it plain. In declining to take an alternative office, Mr. Hore-Bellisha shows a fine sense of duty. He will be a valuable recruit to the forces of independent peace. In the House of Commons, more active phase on Sept. 31. There is a factor which has a most vital part to play in the peace movement of the war.—"The Observer."

RUMOURED OFFER BY HITLER TO RETIRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"IMMEDIATE PEACE OR A BLITZKRIEG ON A SCALE BEYOND ALL IMAGINATION," IS THE THEME OF HERR HITLER'S NEWEST OFFENSIVE ON THE PEACE FRONT, ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN THE CONSERVATIVE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER, "THE OBSERVER."

"The Observer" gives considerable prominence to the story, which is based upon reports independently received from four countries, Sweden, Holland, Switzerland and Italy.

The tenor of the messages from all four countries is that German agents have arrived in the capitals of neutral States, calling themselves delegates, and submitting suggestions for peace with a request that an approach be made to the Allies.

CUSTOMS UNION

The proposals for "immediate peace or blitzkrieg" include the readiness of Germany to evacuate Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria, on the condition that all three countries conclude agreements for a Customs Union with Germany.

The main feature of the alleged offer, however, is that Hitler should retire and be replaced at the head of the State by Goering.

"Hell will break loose" if these suggestions are rejected, the "delegates" are alleged to have stated. — Havas.

GERMAN OIL PACT WITH SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.

THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BASLER NACHRICHTEN" STATES THAT THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES DENY THAT THE SOVIET HAS ARRANGED TO CEDE CERTAIN OILFIELDS IN SOVIET-OCCUPIED POLAND.

It is admitted, however, that the Reich has agreed to place technical aid at the disposal of the Soviet authorities to enable them to increase oil production in these districts.

It is believed that Germany and the Soviet have reached an agreement providing for the exploitation of the oil resources in Soviet-occupied Poland on behalf of Germany, possibly in exchange for German aid in the Finnish campaign. — Havas.

CARONI RIVER LOST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The British tanker Caroni River sank off the south-west coast of England on Saturday after an explosion. All of her crew are safe, although some of them are injured.

The Caroni River has just been re-fitted and was undergoing tests. — Reuter.

*** Built at Glasgow in 1928, the Caroni River, a motor-vessel of 7,807 tons, was owned by the British Empire Steam Navigation Co. (Houlder Bros. and Co., Ltd., managers). Registered at London, she was fitted for carrying petroleum in bulk; she was 456 feet long.

PRELUDE TO ANOTHER PURGE?

Moscow, To-day.

An article in "Industria" the organ of the Commissariat for the Heavy Industry, sharply criticises the Soviet coal industry.

It says that the output of the two main centres, the Urals and the Don Basin in the first thirteen days of January were below the schedule of 1940 plans.

The rails in some mines, it states, were covered by heaps of coal.

Exceptional cold has caused considerable dislocation of the iron and steel industry and the Directors are blamed for not preparing for the winter.

INADEQUATE MEASURES

"Industria" says that some of the supplies of lime, for mixing with ore to prevent freezing, were inadequate, while elsewhere workers were unable to unload from the railway because they were not provided with special warm overalls.

The journal says that the Government is now taking steps to arrange an uninterrupted supply of fuel and electrical power for the metallurgical works. — Reuter.

BULGARIAN AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY

SOFIA, TO-DAY.

KING BORIS OF BULGARIA AND PREMIER INENU OF TURKEY HAVE EXCHANGED MESSAGES EXPRESSING THE COMPLETE IDENTITY OF THE TURKISH AND BULGARIAN POINTS OF VIEW.

These are a sequel to the visit recently to Sofia of the Turkish Foreign Minister.

In his message, King Boris says that the visit gave Bulgaria the opportunity to confirm the friendship existing between the two countries. — Reuter.

ENEMY PROPERTY IN GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

A decree issued in Berlin sets up a department to deal with enemy property in Germany.

The decree also provides for the registration of enemy property and for the disposal of it within Germany. — Reuter.

AMERICA'S WAR DANGER "WORRY"

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill's radio broadcast came too late for editorial comment in the United States, but the general impression here is that he was not speaking to the United States so much as to the Mediterranean and Scandinavian countries.

Discussing a Senator's demand for the severance of diplomatic relations with the Soviets, one political commentators states that the Administration is more worried by the possibility of getting into a war in the Pacific than in Europe. — Reuter.

DESTROYER SUNK IN NORTH SEA

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES THAT H.M.S. GRENVILLE, A DESTROYER, HAS BEEN SUNK BY A MINE OR A TORPEDO IN THE NORTH SEA.

Eight men are known to have been killed and 73 are missing and presumably lost; 118 officers and men have been landed. — Reuter.

*** The Grenville was a flotilla leader of 1,485 tons. Carrying five 4.7-inch guns, she was built three years ago and was recommissioned at Portsmouth in July, 1938.

SWEDISH SHIP SUNK BY A MINE

London, To-day.

Another Swedish ship has been sunk by a German mine. She is the s.s. Flandria, of 1,200 tons, which hit two mines last Thursday at a point about 100 miles from the Netherlands Coast.

Seventeen of her crew were drowned.

News of the sinking became known when four survivors were landed in Holland on Saturday night, after two days in an open boat. — Reuter.

*** The Flandria, which should not be confused with a Dutch vessel, of 10,171 tons, of the same name, was built at Elsinore in 1898. Registered at Gothenburg, she was owned by the Fornyaide Angf. Aktieb. Gota, and was 228 feet long; her tonnage was 1,170.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The Hague, To-day.

The American Minister at The Hague, Mr. Charles Gordon, had a twenty-minutes' interview with Queen Wilhelmina yesterday.

It is officially indicated that the visit is not to be regarded as in any way an alarming symptom.

Reuter understands that President Roosevelt received some information, probably from the American Minister in Berlin, which he considered should be brought to Queen Wilhelmina's notice.

The meeting, however, is not connected with any further peace initiative. — Reuter.



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BREAK IN RELATIONS DEMANDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, Yesterday.

The Senate, by unanimous
vote, has passed the Bill
previously voted by the
Lower Chamber excluding
Communist representatives
from Parliament and other
elective bodies.

Several Senators, during the de-
bate, asked for the severance of
diplomatic relations with Russia and
energetic measures against Com-
munist propaganda.

The debate opened with a speech
by the Vice-Premier, M. Camille
Chautemps, sponsor of the Bill.

RED PROPAGANDA

M. Chautemps said: "France can-
not tolerate people who opposed
French national feelings continuing
to participate in Parliament."

He asserted that Communist pro-
paganda had intensified in France
since the outbreak of war, and out-
lined measures taken against it.

M. Chautemps concluded by stat-
ing that France would extend the
utmost help to Finland.

A demand for the breaking off
of diplomatic relations with Russia
was made following the taking of the
vote, but it drew no reply from the
Government.—Havas.

ROOSEVELT BROADCAST

Washington, Yesterday.

President Roosevelt deli-
vered a broadcast to-day in
connection with the White
House conference on "Chil-
dren in a Democracy."

He declared that since April, when
the conference first met at the White
House, "the succession of world
events has shown us that our Demo-
cracy must be strengthened at every
point of strain or weakness."

"All Americans want this coun-
try to be a place where children
can live in safety and grow in un-
derstanding of the part they must
play in the nation's future."

"Adequate national defence calls
for adequate munitions and imple-
ments of war, and at the same time
for educated, healthy and happy
citizens."—Reuter.

SWEDEN STATE CONTROL OF SHIPPING

Stockholm, Yesterday.

The radio states that the Govern-
ment has drafted an emergency
powers law establishing complete
State control of Swedish merchant
shipping.

The measure is necessary, said the
broadcast, because of the increasing
demands imposed on Swedish ship-
ping by the war. — Reuter.

TO TAKE HOLIDAY

(SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Mr. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary
and Commissioner-General of the

GOERING CONFISCATION ORDER

Berlin, Yesterday.

An official announcement says
that Field-Marshal Goering has
ordered to be effective im-
mediately the decree published
a week ago confiscating all
property of the Polish State.

The death penalty is provided
for what is called "insubordina-
tion against political reorganisa-
tion."—Reuter.

THE NAVY TRAVELS OVERLAND

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, YESTERDAY.

TWO OFFICERS AND 27 RAT-
INGS, COMPRISING THE CREW
OF THE BRITISH RIVER GUN-
BOAT SANDPIPER ARE EXPECT-
ED HERE ON TUESDAY FROM
NINGPO AFTER A 950-MILE
OVERLAND TRIP BY TRUCK
FROM CHANGSHA, WHERE
SANDPIPER IS STATIONED.

Sandpiper was recently ordered to
Shanghai but it was found later that
she could not make the trip because
of the booms across the Yangtse be-
tween Changsha and that portion of
the Yungtse controlled by the Japa-
nese navy.

It requires about a week to
make the journey between
Changsha and Ningpo by truck.
About 40 German traders made
a similar overland trip recently.

It is recalled that Ningpo became
the gateway to Free China after the
Japanese occupation of Nanning had
disrupted communication along the
important Indo-China-Kwangsi-
Kweichow-Szechuan highways. —
Havas.

HUNGARIAN STEAMER IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Yesterday.

For the first time since the Great
War a Hungarian steamer entered a
Japanese port when the freighter
Nyubat (4,323 tons) arrived at
Yokohama on Wednesday after a
very rough voyage from Houston,
Texas, via Vancouver, according to a
Japanese report.

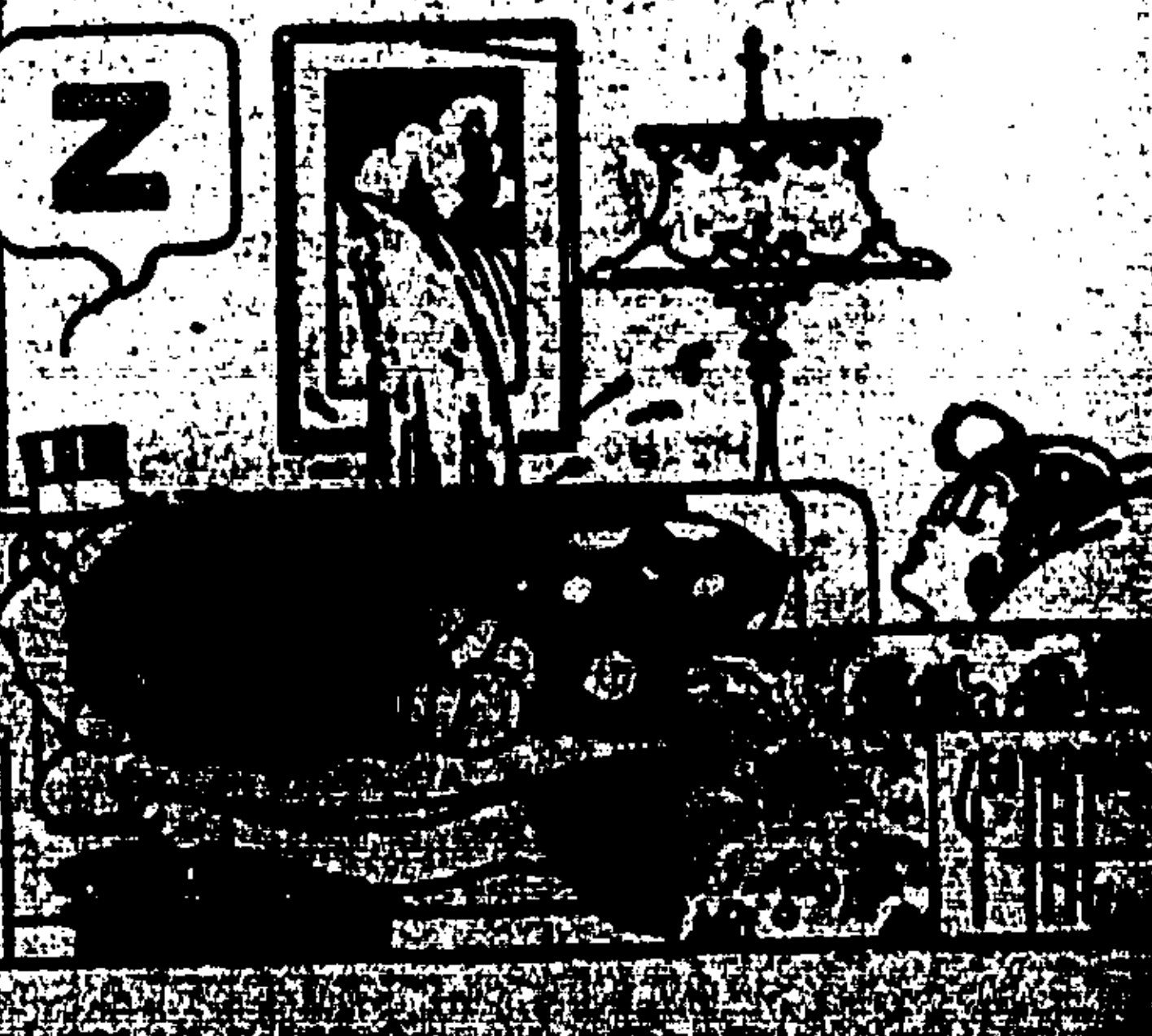
The Hungarian vessel, which has
a complement of seven officers and
25 men, brought a load of scrap-iron
to Japan. She will sail about
February 2.

M. George de Grika, the Hungarian
Minister to Japan, yesterday enter-
tained Captain Zoller, Master of the
Nyubat, his officers and the Hun-
garian community in Tokyo at a tea
reception at the Imperial Hotel. —
Reuter.

Shanghai Municipal Council, is go-
ing to Singapore shortly on a three-
week vacation.—Havas.

By George McManus

Bringing Up Father



PHOTOSTAT COPY OF WANG PACT

The local "Ta Kung Pao" this morning published photographic reproductions of documentary evidence, written in the Japanese language, relating to Wang Ching-wei's sale of China to Japan, so-called peace agreement. Using 19 blocks, the entire agreement is reproduced from a photostat copy.

STORM OF PROTEST IN CANADA

Vancouver, To-day.

Following a vigorous protest from the Ontario Legislature that wheat is being shipped to Russia from Vancouver, "at a time when to all intents and purposes Canada is at war with Soviet Russia," local shippers declare that the shipment in question was for China, not for Soviet Russia.

The Ontario Legislature demanded that the Dominion Government halt the shipment because it would probably be transferred to Germany, stating that 250,000 tons of wheat had been purchased by Minneapolis shippers for Vladivostok.

This was being done, said that protest, while the Soviet Union transfers its own supply of wheat in the Ukraine to feed Germany.

"In other words," said the protest, "we are sending the flower of our youth to fight for liberty and civilization in one direction, while we are feeding the enemy in another."

A Government examination was demanded.—Reuter.

ALL LEAVE STOPPED FOR NAZI TROOPS

Berlin, To-day.

All leave for German troops at the front is restricted, according to the official German wireless.

The announcer said that the restriction was due to transport difficulties, owing to the bitter cold.

Leave for home garrisons is also restricted.—Reuter.

DOMINIONS IN FRANCE

Paris, Yesterday.

Canadian and New Zealand representatives are in France this week-end completing an intensive inspection of the more advanced of the two forces in which the R.A.F. is divided in France.

Wing-Commander Wallingford and Squadron-Leader Campbell are accompanied by Lt.-Col. Parke, New Zealand liaison officer.—Reuter.

GENERAL RESIGNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Nazi newspaper "Völkischer Beobachter" publishes a message from its correspondent in Kaunas, Lithuania, alleging that General Reuter, head of the Lithuanian Army, has resigned. His resignation is still under consideration.—Havas.

DAGGER IN HEART OF CHINA

Considerable space is devoted this morning in local Chinese papers to leading articles commenting on the Wang Ching-wei - Japan "peace agreement."

The "Ta Kung Pao," "Lih Pao" and the "Sing Tao Jih Pao" attack the "agreement."

"Every word, every sentence in the document is a dagger thrust into the heart of China," asserts the "Ta Kung Pao," adding: We have searched over 4,000 years back into history, but cannot find a similar document yielding so shamelessly to disgrace."

DEED OF SALE

"The Deed of Sale which Wang Ching-wei has signed in fact amounts to not only surrendering China politically and economically to Japan, but also all rights and the freedom of the people," states the "Sing Tao Jih Pao," adding: "In exchange for this what does Wang get; only the privilege of a small share of the booty of the 'Reformed Government'."

The "Lih Pao" states: "The agreement enlightens us on the real aim of Japan. It proves beyond doubt that Japan is determined to put China under her heel."

"For this revelation, we are thankful to both Japan and Wang Ching-wei, for we know now that unity and resistance to the end is the only road to victory and liberation."

WANG SELL OUT SENSATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The local Chinese press publishes under banner headlines Mr. Kao Tsung-wu's letter to the "Ta Kung Pao."

Only the "Central Daily News," Wang Ching-wei's organ, and the "Hsin Shun Pao," the Japanese-Chinese daily, abstain from publishing the sensational news from Hong Kong.

The news arrived too late for editorial comment.—Havas.

500 CORPSES PICKED UP

Shanghai, To-day.

About 500 corpses, mostly of infants, were picked up over the week-end in the foreign areas as a result of the cold wave which brought a heavy snowfall in its wake.

The majority were found in the Western District and according to a Chinese benevolent institution 90 per cent. of the bodies were infants and children under ten years of age.—Reuter.

BANDITS TERRORISE SHUMCHUN

The Shumchun area, on the Chinese side of the border, is experiencing a reign of terror nightly as the result of the activities of armed desperadoes, according to reliable reports reaching the "China Mail."

Shooting in the villages and market centres are heard every night, and some of the villagers who have come into British territory state that banditry and general lawlessness is rampant.

Mr. Owens, of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, has reported the theft of clothing valued at \$100.

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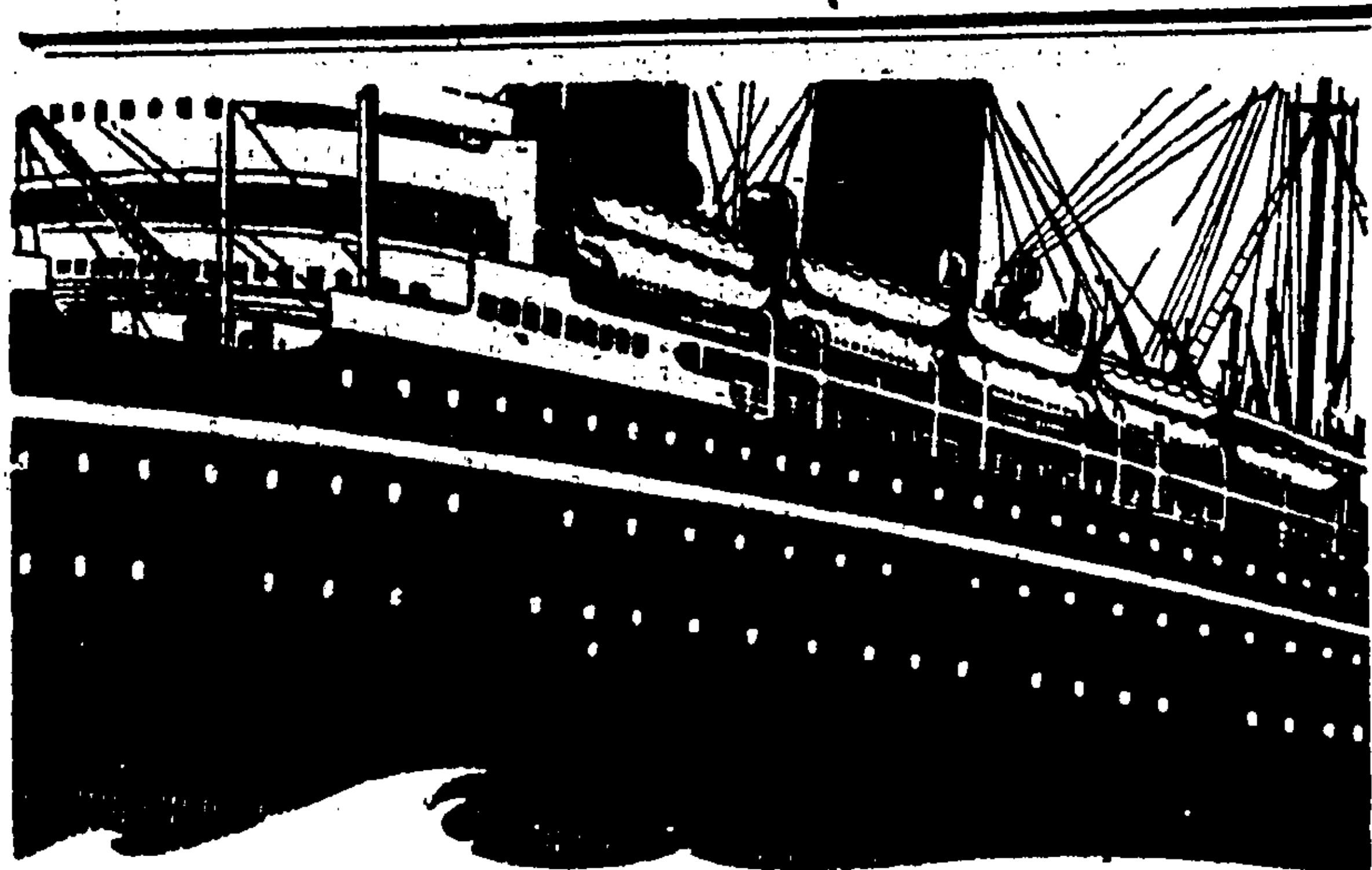
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INWARD MAILS

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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 17th January	January 24.
Shanghai	January 24.
Canton	January 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco, date 23rd December, 1939)	January 24.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	January 25.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th January	January 25.
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Haiphong	January 27.
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Shanghai	January 27.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th January	January 28.
Japan and Shanghai	January 28.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
	MONDAY	
Bangkok		Mon., Jan. 22, Noon.
Haiphong		Jan. 22, 1.00 p.m.
Straits		Mon., Jan. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Canton		Jan. 22, 7.00 p.m.
	TUESDAY	
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya		Jan. 23, 9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard		Tues., Jan. 23, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai		Jan. 23, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 16th Feb.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 23, 2.45 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 31st Jan.	Ord.,	Jan. 23, 3.30 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 23, 7.00 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 29th Jan.	Ord.,	Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 23, 7.00 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Wed., Jan. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin		Wed., Jan. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 1st February.	K.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 24, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 24, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 24, 7.00 p.m.
	THURSDAY	
Sandakan		Thur., Jan. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only)		Thur., Jan. 25, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong		Thur., Jan. 25, 3.00 p.m.
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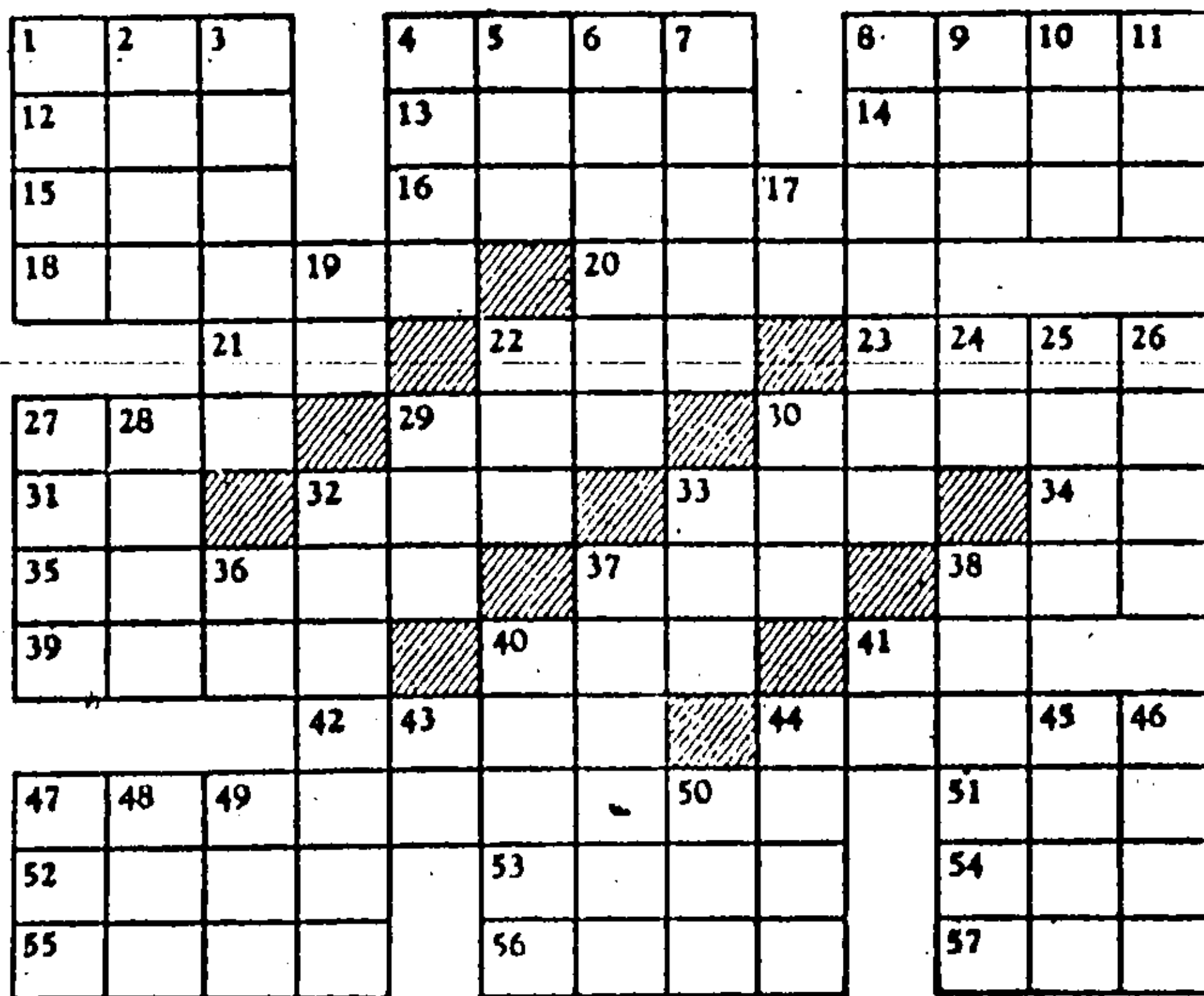
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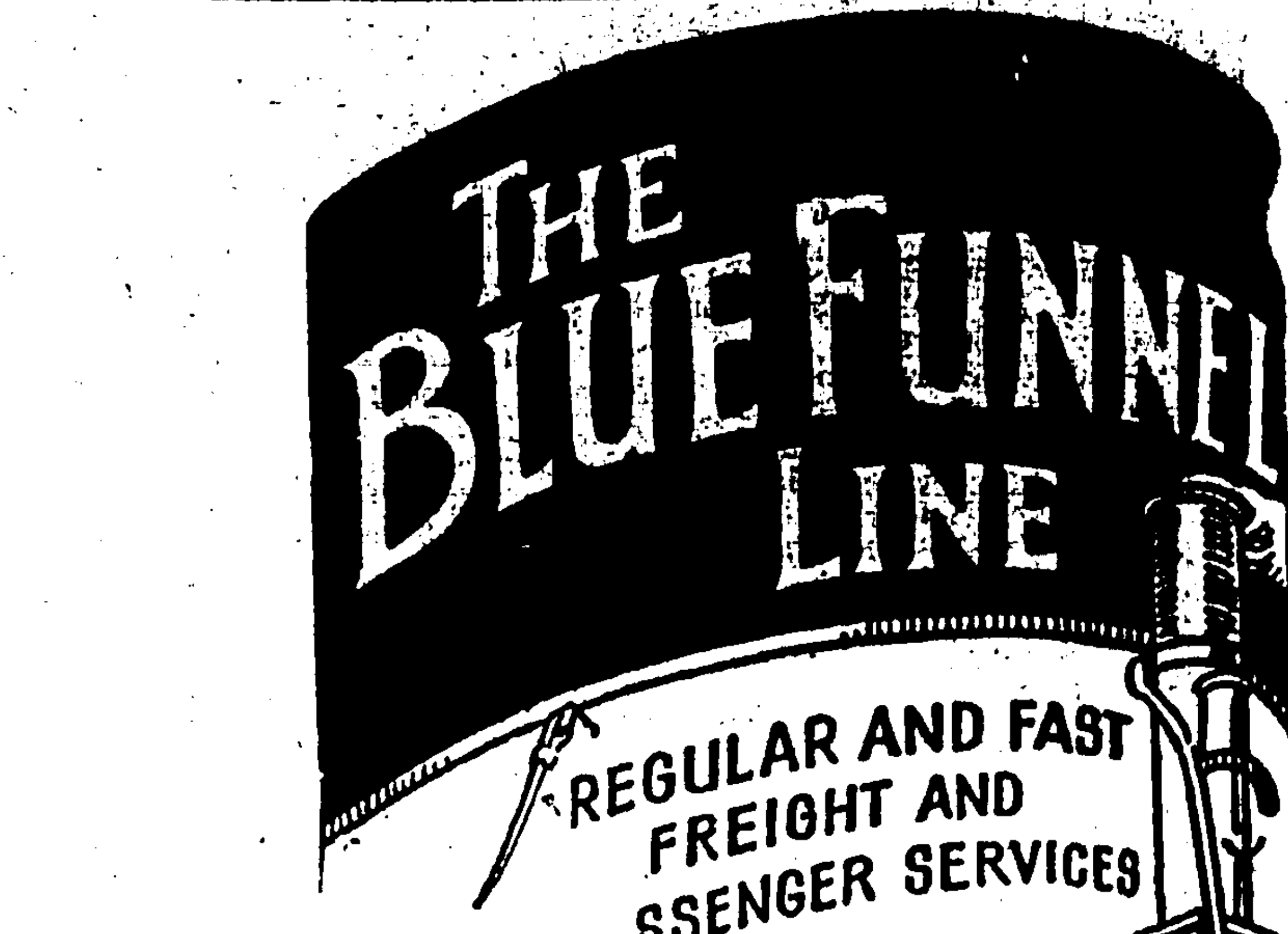
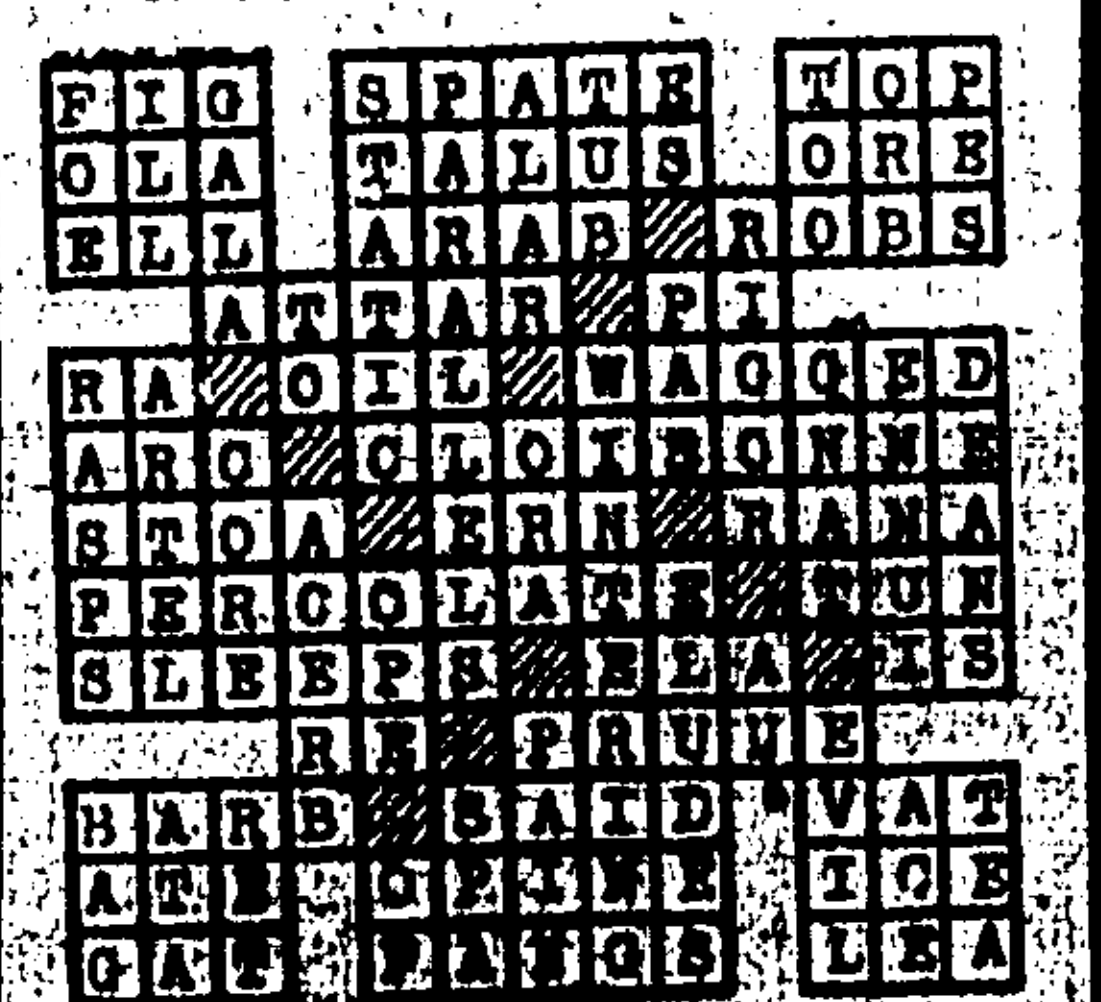
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Tangle
- 4 Sand
- 8 Urging
- 12 Wing
- 13 Learning
- 14 Olive genus
- 15 Hawaiian dish
- 16 Expert on business affairs
- 18 To feel
- 20 Standard
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 Evergreen
- 23 Frank
- 27 Ethiopian title
- 29 Thus
- 30 To be very fond of
- 31 Italian article
- 32 Food fish
- 33 Mold
- 34 Provided that
- 35 Gourdlike fruit
- 37 Pole
- 38 Match
- 39 To pursue
- 40 Confronted
- 41 To act

VERTICAL

- 1 Outlines
- 2 Medicinal plant
- 3 Defiles
- 4 Merriment
- 5 Mythical bird
- 6 Sarcastic
- 7 Purport
- 8 Chiffonier
- 9 Moslem name
- 10 French article
- 11 Buddhist pillar
- 17 Conjunction
- 19 Italian for "yes"
- 22 Wooden pin
- 24 European river
- 25 Gaelic
- 26 Gaseous element
- 27 Borders
- 28 Fish sauce
- 29 Descendant
- 30 Succor
- 32 To agree
- 33 Dowry
- 36 Note of scale
- 37 To take away
- 38 To stir up
- 40 Latin mother
- 41 Roman gods
- 43 Nook
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- 45 Hipbones
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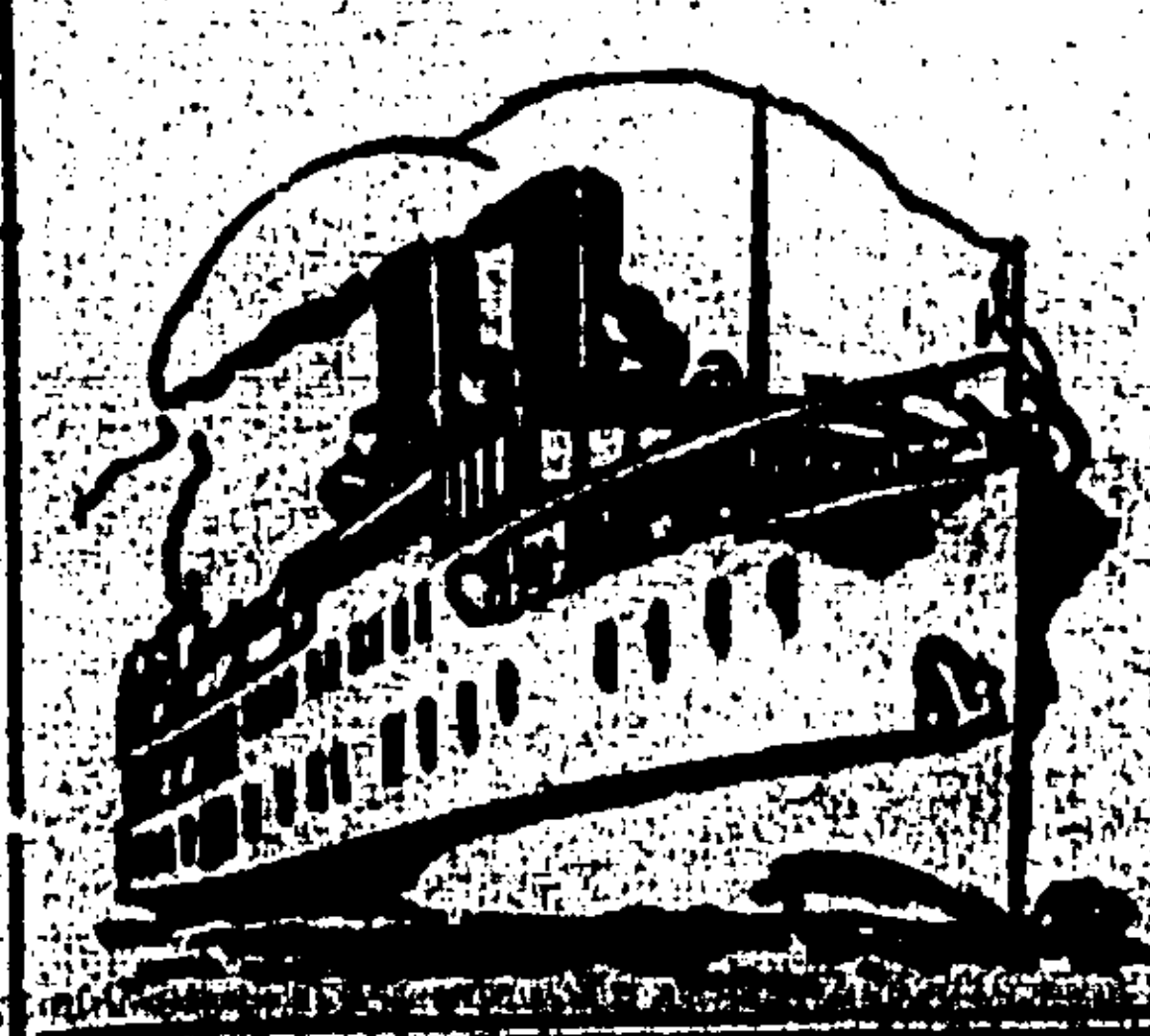
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KEW, CASTRO
WIN TITLE

A. J. Kew and H. A. Castro yesterday won the Pairs Championship of Kowloon Tong Club when they beat W. J. Howard and N. A. E. Mackay in the final by 21-17.

Both sides were very evenly matched and the issue was in doubt until the final head, when the eventual winners were leading by 20-17. The scores were tied at 17-all at the 18th head.

NAVY "A" XV

The following have been selected to play Rugby for Navy "A" versus Club "A" on Hong Kong Football Club Ground at Happy Valley on Wednesday kick off 4.45 p.m.:—
Pay Midshipman Roe; Tel. Bowden, Midshipman Teare, Midshipman O'Riordan and Sub Lieutenant Skene-Reid; Lieutenant Carter and St. Gallagher; L. S. A. Palmer, Lieutenant (E) Brown, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, A. B. Jeffrey, Cpl. Marron, Midshipman Murray-Jones, Pay Lieutenant Charles and Pay Sub. Lieut. Sumner.

Reserves:—Mne. Jeffries, S. B. A. Addis, Midshipman Chapman, Ldg. Sig. Inglis and Chief Writer King.

MASSAGE
RAIDS

Raids by Inspector J. Orem on an unlicensed massage establishment, resulted in a man and a woman appearing before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Au Luk, 28, widow, was charged with keeping an unlicensed establishment at No. 30, Wing Kut Street.

Inspector Orem said he found a girl massaging a Chinese man inside a cubicle. Two electric massage instruments, were found on the premises.

A fine of \$25 or one month's hard labour was imposed.

Yu Wai, 30, was given a similar sentence for a similar offence.

SOLDIER
ATTACKED

Attacked by a crowd of hooligans near the waterfront in Waterloo Road on Saturday night, Sapper J. H. Cunningham of the Royal Engineers, sustained a cut on his head.

He also lost his cap and his pay book which fell into the harbour.

No arrests have yet been made.

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Mind. Mother Lode. Ps. .09¼ sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .11 sa.

North Camarines Ps. 13¼ b.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. 22 b.

San Mauricio Ps. .86 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. 17 b.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. 13 b.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .028 sa.

United Paracales Ps. 31¼ sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong

dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted in London yes-

The London on New York rate

was quoted at £ — U.S.\$4.0250 and

the New York on London rate at

£—U.S.\$3.96-3/8.

M. MOTTA REPORTED
CRITICALLY ILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The newspaper "Paris Solr" an-
nounces that Sig. Giuseppe Motta,
former President of the Swiss Con-
federation and at present head of the
Foreign Affairs Department, is at
death's door.

The nature of his illness is not in-
dicated.—Havas.

Mr. W. M. Wright, of No. 1,
Leighton Hill Road, first floor, has
reported that money and jewellery
were stolen from his apartment yes-
terday.

GAOL FOR
ROBBERY

A jury composed of Messrs. L. A. Tobias (foreman), Tam Man-tin, C. Yeung, O. M. Omar, Wong Fai-tong, Fung Hon-chi and Wong Bor, after a short retirement found Chan Tung, Li Kin-ching, Li Hon-cho, Chan Shu and Lau Hung guilty of robbery. They were alleged to have enticed Wong Ho, a grass dealer, to the roof of a house in Thomson Road and there robbed him of \$114 and a gold ring and a wrist watch.

Lo Ki-leung, charged with being an accessory before the fact, was also found guilty.

All defendants with the exception of Lau Hung, were sentenced to 21 months' hard labour and four strokes of the Cat.

Lau Chung, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to 2 years' and four strokes of the Cat.

SIX VICTIMS
OF CRASH

One man was killed and five seriously injured in a motor-lorry accident last night.

Lorry No. 5030 was being driven along Cheungshawan Road when it crashed sideways into a building at about 8.30 p.m.

Five of the passengers in the lorry were seriously injured and removed to the Kowloon Hospital. One was killed.

The driver is alleged to have absconded.

NEAT BUT
CAUGHT

An unusual theft was reported at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Tse Ki, 27, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon.

Inspector A. V. Baker said the victim was sitting in the third class of a tramcar in Queen's Road East. As the tram started, defendant from the roadway snatched his felt hat, thinking that he could not be caught. A Police constable saw the snatching and arrested defendant.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

HEALTHY
INSTINCT?

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon Li Kin, 23, apprentice tailor, was charged with trespassing at No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, on Saturday.

Defendant was found inside the Indian bathroom, having a bath. A geyser was damaged to the extent of \$2.

Defendant was cautioned, and ordered to pay \$2 compensation.

Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted.

ALLEGED THEFT FROM
LANE-CRAWFORD'S:
NOT GUILTY PLEA

Two Chinese youths were before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with stealing two suits of children's woollen clothing from Lane Crawford's on Saturday.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios pleaded not guilty on behalf of the defendants.

Detective Sergeant Brooks is in charge of the case.

Defendants were remanded for further enquiries, and were released on bail of \$250 each.

Mr. H. D. Bidwell, of No. 4, Conduit Road, was robbed by an intruder who entered his residence through an open window, of a watch and \$89, yesterday.

Mrs. C. C. Stark, of No. 274, the Peak, has reported the loss of a basket containing articles valued at \$125. It was alleged lost or stolen from No. 122, between Deep Water Bay and The Peak, yesterday.

REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

THE PERFECT ALIBI SMASHED

Jone E. Wilkie, one of the ablest chiefs ever to preside over operations of the United States Secret Service made his biggest hit when he smashed a "perfect alibi" that was being used to cover up a million dollar counterfeiting conspiracy.

Word came to him that bogus \$100 bills were being passed in St. Louis during the time of the National Exposition in that city. One particular bill was traced to a "bookie" at the race track. He said it had been given to him by a stranger, but that he could recognize him if he saw him again. The booth of the bookmaker was surrounded by detectives and that afternoon a distinguished looking man came up and tendered a \$100 bill as a bet on one of the horses. It was the man who had passed the bad bill the day before.

Taken into custody 15 other counterfeit bills of the same denomination were found in an envelope in his pocket. He said his name was Sol Maxwell and that he was in business in Chicago. He gave the names of a number of banks and business men



the "ad" taker at the Globe-Democrat said he had handed in the "ad" at five o'clock that afternoon.

But in spite of this plausible story and the distinguished appearance of the man, Wilkie was not satisfied. He returned to his hotel and went into a mental "huddle" with himself. One circumstantial detail in Maxwell's story concerned the turning on of the lights in the Union Station. It was the clue that solved the mystery. Wilkie got into touch with the Electric Light Company and asked when the lights had been turned on that evening. He was told that it was exactly 5.40.

That smashed the Maxwell alibi. In other words he had handed in the "ad" at the office of the Globe-Democrat FORTY MINUTES BEFORE THE TIME HE CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUND THE MONEY.

The detective invited Maxwell to dine with him that night. After finishing a delightful meal and lighting the inevitable cigars, Wilkie confronted him with the evidence. He told Maxwell that he understood the situation. The stranger was an expert engraver and in his pride he had attempted to compete with the amazingly good work of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. But he told him that it was futile, that he could not beat Uncle Sam at that game. Finally he urged him to make a clean breast of it.

The culprit broke down and confessed. He had been a reputable man, but was tempted to make easy money. If he had succeeded he would have made millions. But he had failed. The missing 40 minutes had smashed his nearly perfect alibi and the slip cost the counterfeiter five years in a Federal penitentiary.

NORWAY'S FIRST DUTY

OSLO, YESTERDAY. THE NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. J. NYGAARDS-VOLD, DECLARED IN PARLIAMENT THAT THE FIRST DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO KEEP THE COUNTRY OUT OF WAR.

The Government would accordingly continue a strong policy of neutrality "without regard to sympathies."

The Premier added, however: "As things are now, we shall defend ourselves with all means at our disposal if the country is attacked."—Reuter.

NAZI WAR FRONT COMMUNIQUE

Berlin, Yesterday. A High Command communique states: "Between the Moselle and the Palatinate Forest a patrol made several prisoners in a clash with French patrols."

"The air force carried out reconnaissance flights over the French frontier district. One German plane was lost."—Reuter.

SUPPLY COMMITTEE

London, Yesterday. The first area committee to advise the Ministry of Supply on local matters of supply was inaugurated in Birmingham to-day by the Minister, Mr. Leslie Burgin.—Reuter.

GERMAN FIRMS UP AGAINST IT

[SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL"]

SHANGHAI, YESTERDAY. WHILE THE BUSINESS OF GERMAN FIRMS IS STILL RATHER SATISFACTORY IN SHANGHAI AND SEVERAL OTHER PORTS IN CHINA, IT IS BECOMING VERY DIFFICULT IN FREE CHINA.

Before the China war most German goods for Chungking, Yunnanfu and other places inland were shipped by French Indo-China.

At present the representatives of German firms in those areas no longer see the possibility of continuing their business on a large scale, and recently the offices of the biggest German chemical trust closed in Kunming and Changsha.

During the last few weeks some German goods ordered before the Allied embargo on German exports have arrived in China via Indo-China. They had been paid for in advance.—Havas.

FUTURE VIEWED WITH GLOOM

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Oslo, Yesterday.

"I view the future with gloom when I think that this is a moment when the European conflict is starting in earnest," declared King Haakon speaking at a reception he gave to members of the Norwegian Parliament.

The King said Norway had fortunately managed to keep out of the war but there were numerous difficulties ahead, and the Finno-Russian war was a new and dangerous factor.

King Haakon concluded by expressing the hope that the Finnish conflict would soon be ended.

The Chairman of the Chamber, Mr. C. J. Hambro, replied stressing Norway's desire for peace, liberty and independence, and also Norway's

WEE KY TTY



The man who is the life of the party often turns out to be a heel if there's any hard work to be done.

PARLEY PROPOSAL

GENEVA, YESTERDAY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE PAN-EUROPEAN UNION ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT HE HAD ASKED DR. SALAZAR, THE PORTUGUESE PREMIER, TO SUMMON A CONFERENCE AT LISBON TO CO-ORDINATE AID FOR FINLAND.

Portugal, he added, was ideal for the purpose in view of her good relations with both the Democracies and the Totalitarian nations and her geographical position, and was better qualified than the League of Nations or neutral nations adjoining Russia and Germany.—Reuter.

friendly feelings for the Finns. He hoped Finland would be able to obtain an honourable peace.—Havas.

By
GEORGE BARTON

as references and said they would testify to his good character. They did. His statements were confirmed in every particular.

Wilkie considered the case so important that he hastened from Washington in order to take personal charge of the investigation. He treated Mr. Sol Maxwell with every consideration and said his only desire was to get his co-operation in running down the source of the bad money. Maxwell said that he had come to St. Louis to visit the Exposition. He registered at the Southern Hotel and late on the afternoon of that day went to the Union Station to arrange for his return transportation.

As he left the ticket window the electric lights in the station were turned on and he saw a long white envelope on the tiled floor. Picking it up he found that it contained \$3,000 in \$100 bills. He decided to advertise it at once. He went to the office of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and inserted a notice in the "Lost and Found" column saying he had found the money and would return it on proof of ownership. It was not claimed and he had started to bet the money on the horses.

His story was verified down to the last detail. The ticket agent at the railroad station recognized him as the man who had bought transportation at about the time indicated and

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MUTT AND JEFF



Haydn's "Oxford" Symphony

6.00 p.m.—"FOR THE CHILDREN". The Table and The Chair (from "Three Nonsense Songs"—Hely-Hutchinson) Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse Part II.
STUDIO—Story by Aunt Susan.
Little Drummer Boy (Pelosi).... Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—MAXINE SULLIVAN (Vocal) in Swing Music.
Fox-Trots—Roll'Em; Afraid To Dream (film "You can't have everything.... Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.

To-day's Wireless

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Fox-Trots—Pross-Chai; Non-Stop Flight.... Artie Shaw & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Dark Eyes; A Brown Bird Singing.... Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Jam Session; Chloe.... Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—VARIETY with Elsie & Doris Waters, John Henry & The Duncan Sisters

and Others.
Comedienne—Gert and Daisy "Spring Cleaning" (E. & D. Waters); That's The Worst Of Having People Upstairs (Kenneth & George Western).... Elsie & Doris Waters with Piano.
Quickstep—Hot Pie, Part 1; Slow Fox-Trot—Hot Pie, Part 2.... Scott Wood & His Six Swingers.
Vocal—Ti-Pi-Tin (Leveen-Greer); Adam and Eve (Duncan Sisters—Harry Granatt).... The Duncan Sisters with Two Pianos.
Humorous—The Bullfighter (Reeve).... John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge.
Waltz Memories. Intro: Ciribiribin; Gypsy Moon; One Night of Love.... Trolise & His Mandollers with Vocal by Don Carlos.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.

Variety : Hour Of Dance Music

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.
8.08 p.m.—AN HOUR OF DANCE MUSIC.
9.08 p.m.—STUDIO—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—BEETHOVEN—Sonata in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2 ("Moonlight"). Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).
9.43 p.m.—HAYDN—Symphony No. 92 in C Major ("Oxford"). Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts Du Conservatoire conducted by Bruno Walter.
10.07 p.m.—SONGS by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).
With a Coloured Ribbon (Goethe-Beethoven); Where The Bee Sucks (Shakespeare-Arne); The Early Morning (Belloc-Peel); A Song In The She-Gallant (Eccles, arr. Bernard).... with Piano accompaniment.
10.17 p.m.—ALBERT SANDLER (Violin) and His Orchestra with Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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The fact that North and South landed in the terrible contract of five spades can be blamed entirely on North. While he had a strong hand as far as high cards were concerned, North's spade holding was mediocre, and thus he should have responded with two clubs rather than give his partner an immediate double raise. South now felt that he was entitled to make one Slam try — hence his bid of four diamonds. When North responded with four hearts, South signed off with four spades. North now galli advanced the contract to five spades, but South decided that that was far enough. The lucky pair then were granted a reprieve.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ J 7 5
♥ A 8 3 2
♦ 6 4
♣ A K Q 6

♠ Q 10 9 8
♥ Q J 10
♦ J 7 2
♣ 10 4 3

♠ A K 6 3 2
♥ K 9 4
♦ A 9 8 5
♣ 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Queen of hearts, and South decided that his best play would be to trump one diamond in dummy and discard one diamond and one heart on dummy's top clubs. He therefore led a low diamond. The last thing West wanted was to have his partner get in and lead a trump, so he promptly put up the Jack in an effort to

hold the trick. But East carefully overtook his partner's Jack with the Queen and led a trump anyway. Declarer of course played low and West won with the Queen and led another trump, which was won by dummy's Jack.

Now South was able to ruff a diamond in dummy and get away with the loss of but one trump trick, thanks to East's help.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ K x x x x
♥ x x
♦ x x
♣ K x x

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone
1♠ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four spades. If your partner has a good hand, he can make four spades. Otherwise, you want to keep the opponents out of the bidding if possible. Score 100% for four spades, 60% for three spades (not enough of a shut-out), 0 for two spades or pass. Note: A fancy bid such as two notrump would not be bad.

QUESTION NO. 314
You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ A K x x
♥ x x x
♦ A x x
♣ A x x

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone Jacoby You
Pass Pass Pass 1♠
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass 2♠ Pass 2♦
Pass 3♦ Pass (?)

*Your correct opening bid is one spade—not one club.
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY

Four matches in the Hockey Association Tournament were played off yesterday morning and two minor upsets were recorded. Nomads provided the first upset, sharing six goals with the Royal Engineers, and Kowloon Indian Tennis Club the second, holding Club de Recrelo to a goalless draw.

Central British Association took both points from the University at

Pokfulam, winning 4-2, and Radio and Postal Sports Club easily accounted for the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, winning 5-1 at Caroline Hill.

Another Postponement

The Caer Clark Cup hockey match between Recrelo "A" and the C.B.S. was postponed yesterday owing to the inability of C.B.S. to field a team.

R.H.K.G.C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Following are the results of games for the Junior championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club played yesterday:

W. Hewitt beat D. L. Prophet 7 and 6.
J. W. Mayhew beat T. Low at the 18th.
W. A. Stewart beat J. Linaker six and five.
W. L. Alexander beat L. Jackson four and three.
H. N. Williamson beat R. R. del Liesching three and two.
J. C. Taylor beat A. B. Purves three and two.
N. K. Littlejohn beat H. H. Mundy two up.
A. H. McBride beat T. Magarry six and five.

GOLD STAR BEATS MINDANAO

In a 10-pin match at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday, U.S.S. Gold Star beat U.S.S. Mindanao by 111 points.

U.S.S. GOLD STAR				
J. M. Flardo	.....138	174	200	156 131 808
A. J. Pohl	.....134	185	143	172 123 768
S. R. Sunbury	.....118	185	148	170 142 763
C. B. Stuart	.....106	163	133	121 198 638
Total	.....3,028			
U.S.S. MINDANAO				
F. R. Hollis	.....137	162	181	140 137 787
J. T. Sheehan	.....175	142	108	193 155 773
D. M. Keplinger137	171	139	153 144 744
S. Golden103	143	119	124 123 611
Total2,911			



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SOUTH CHINA EASILY DEFEAT THE NAVY

SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

NOT only were Saint Andrew's Ladies the first team this season to lower the colours of "Y" Ladies but **LADIES' HOCKEY** they have

by so doing placed themselves in a challenging position for title. They are now on equal standing with the champions and provided both teams do not lose further points for the remainder of the season, a play-off will be necessary.

Though few expected that Saint Andrew's would win it was generally expected that they would give the "Y" Ladies a much better fight than they did at the first meeting when they were beaten by 4 goals to 1.

Much of the credit must go to the defence, who, in spite of being pressed continually in the second half, were able to keep the "Y" attackers out.

Miss J. Wong played a very good game in the pivotal position and seldom gave the opposing forwards much scope. Miss B. Greaves on her left performed her task of watching the right-wing well and it was only in the latter stages of the game that Mrs. Burnett was able to shake off her attentions.

The backs, Miss White and Miss da Roza were safe and always kept up with their halves so that they often formed a great obstacle to the attackers.

The defence were particularly prominent in the manner of their marking of the opposing forward. There was always a player near an opposing forward with the result that "Y" were not able to indulge in much inter-passing.

Miss June Hall, after a shaky opening, played a sound game and was far superior to Mrs. Harrington, the "Y" goal-keeper.

Miss Reid's direct methods when in possession bore fruit and she netted all her side's goal. She always took the shortest route towards goal and used her other forwards well.

"Y" forwards seldom got within the circle though they played well enough. Their passes were frequently intercepted, while the rugged and quick tackling of St. Andrew's did not give them much scope.

Miss Pocock played a sound game at left-half, while Mrs. Strange did well behind her.

THE St. Andrew's-C.B.S. Brawn Cup game had to be called off owing to the non-appearance of the umpires. Both teams turned up but were dis-



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appointed and though several male spectators were approached and requested to officiate, there were no volunteers. A friendly game took place instead.

Still unbeaten Argonauts were held to a goalless draw by Diocesan School-girls, who played a much improved game.

Argonauts are now three points ahead of their nearest rivals, Recrelo, and should win the championship.

Recrelo kept within striking distance of the Brawn Cup championship by defeating a depleted "Y" team by the only goal scored by Miss Campos in the first half.

Recrelo missed several scoring chances and should have won by a comfortable margin.

Club's Interport team, though without Bosanquet, Cessford and Wanklyn, gave a promising display against Army **RUGBY** on Saturday and only slow

heeling by the pack prevented a bigger victory than 6 points to 3. The second row were holding up the ball when Salter secured and the result was that Thomson was invariably at the mercy of Pinkerton and Foley. Another disturbing factor was the ease with which Richards scored his try between the posts. Henderson will need to improve his defence.

Police made short work of Club "A", but the only outstanding feature of a poor game—the passing and handling was unusually weak despite the score of 29-0—was the play of Wright-Nooth at wing forward. Here is a forward to challenge Pinkerton at his best.

Following are leading results in Saturday's cricket programme:—

FIRST DIVISION (LEAGUE)

D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	75*
K. Nazarin (I.R.C.)	54
E. L. Gosano (Recrelo)	47
F. R. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	44
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	41
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	37

Bowling

E. L. Gosano (Recrelo)	6 for 67
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	6 for 24
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	4 for 32
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	5 for 23

SECOND DIVISION

H. M. Xavier (Recrelo)	58*
Lt. Fergus (Army)	56
H. A. Barros (Recrelo)	51
Capt. Whatman (Army)	50

Bowling

G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.)	4 for 32
A. Carey (Police)	3 for 24
B. R. Iranee (C.C.C.)	4 for 21
J. E. Noronha (Recrelo)	5 for 21
Lt. Peal (Army)	3 for 17
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	3 for 9
A. M. Prata (Recrelo)	3 for 8

FRIENDLIES

Battling

T. A. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)	102
J. E. Richardson (C.S.C.C.)	100*
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.C.C.)	72
E. J. R. Mitchell (H.K.C.C. 2nd XI)	63*
K. Attwell (C.S.C.C. 2nd XI)	40
H. F. Harper (C.S.C.C. 2nd XI)	34

Bowling

C. B. Robertson	4 for 42
D. S. Robb	5 for 27

A missed penalty in the last few minutes of the game cost St. Joseph's their Second Round Shield game against South China "B" at Caroline Hill yesterday when they were defeated by 3 goals to 2.

International are strongest contenders for the Third Division title did not have their Soccer way against the Edmunds at the Valley on Saturday and were fully extended while 34th Battery, the present leaders, lost a valuable point when they were held to a goalless draw by 2nd Battery yesterday at Sookunpoo.

Mitchell is the star goal keeper of the club and he saved a number of valuable points for the club in the friendly game against the 2nd Battery.

Chan Tak-Fai Scores Five Goals For Winners

IN THE SECOND GAME of the Kotewall Charity Cup competition, South China, holders, easily defeated Royal Navy by 5 goals to 2 at Sookunpoo yesterday.

South China did not field their best team but their forwards combined well and gave the Navy defence a harassing time. Fung King-cheong was seen at inside-left and showed that he was quite at home in that position and kept both his winger, Lee Shek-yau and Lee Wai-tong supplied with passes. Chan Tak-fai was also seen in an unusual position for him at inside-right.

Always up between the backs, he made most of the opportunities that came his way and scored all the goals for South China to equal Fox's performance last Thursday.

Lee Wai-tong was unable to indulge in his shooting as he was being continually watched and was satisfied to send through the passes to Chan Tak-fai.

Mak Shul-hon and Hau Yung-sang were shaky at times, the former's first-time kicking being very poor.

FINE DISPLAY

For the Navy, Robinson played a good game and had no chance with the shots that beat him, and he brought off several good saves in the first half when he was peppered with shots from Fung, Lee and Chan.

Thorburn was a hard worker but was wandering about the field and though he accomplished some useful

work was prone to upset his other forwards.

Navy took the lead early in the first half through O'Regan but the Chinese equalised soon after through Chan Tak-fai whose shot was deflected into the net. Chan Tak-fai added two other goals before half time.

In the second period Navy did more attacking but were not able to counter the inter-passing of the Chinese, and Chan scored twice, his last effort being a good first-timer.

O'Regan scored the other goal for Navy from a corner by Phippens.

South China "A": Tam Kwan-kong; Mak Shul-hon, Hau Yung-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Lam Tak-po, Sung Ling-ting; Tang Kwong-tum, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Fung King-cheong, Lee Shek-yau.

Navy: Robinson; Hendy, Hall, Hill, Hazzard, Britt, Phippens, O'Regan, Allison, Thorburn, Thompson.

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

University should have little difficulty in repeating their defeat of Recrelo "A" in what should be the most interesting match on to-day's programme in "A" Division.

At the first meeting of these two clubs, the undergraduates won by 8-1. On their own court an upset appears quite outside the bounds of possibility.

In the other match, Chinese "Y" should have little trouble against University "B."

In a friendly Inter-Club Tennis tournament, Kowloon Cricket Club beat the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 33 games to 17.



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KWANTI RACING RESULTS

FOLLOWING ARE THE results of races held at the meeting of Fanling Hunt and Race Club yesterday:—

Sun Wai Steeplechase
Mr. B. Fair's Diogenes 168 lb. 1
(Mr. G. W. Hook)
Mr. W. A. Ingram's Three Farthings 135 lb. 2
(Owner)
Mr. J. Barrow's Widnes 145 lb. 3
(Owner)

Won by Many lengths; many lengths between second and third.
Time: 3 mins. 27.2/5 secs.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$15.40. Places \$10.70; \$23.20.

Lo Wu Hurdle Race
Mrs. A. H. R. Butchers March Brown 168 lb. 1
(Mr. A. H. R. Butcher)
Mr. J. Barrow, Jack O'Lantern 168 lb. 2
(Owner)
Mr. J. G. Whittaker's Mortmain 168 lb. 3
(Mr. B. Fergus)

Won by half length; four lengths.
Time: 2.55.3/5.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$33.30. Places \$9.60; \$8.10; \$12.80.

New South Wales Handicap
Major Oliver's Sea Urchin 163 lb. 1
(Mr. T. W. Chattey)
Mr. B. Fergus' Spectrum 170 lb. 2
(Owner)

Capt. H. Marsh's Kiola 140 lb. 3
(Mr. Eyre)
Won by five lengths; one and half lengths between second and third.
Time: 3 mins. 16 secs.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.20. Places \$6.80; \$11.60.

Hunters Cup
Mr. Dowbiggin's Ebony Idol 148 lb. 1
(Mr. Gregory)
Mr. H. and H's Fei Ying 140 lb. 2
(Mr. Yuen)
Mr. Why's Bistre 165 lb. 3
(Mr. Ip Kui-ying)

Won by length and half; four lengths.
Time: 1.54.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$16.50. Places \$8.70; \$10.00.

Shatin Handicap
Mr. C. and L's Gallant Marshall 157 lb. 1
(Mr. D. Black)
Miss Fearson's Palmer 165 lb. 2
(Mr. T. W. Chattey)
Mr. Bird's Heddon 161 lb. 3
(Mr. H. M. Botelho)
Won by half length; short-head.
Time: 1.17.4/5.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$15.90. Places \$7.60; \$7.80.

Shatin Handicap, Second Section
Mr. Collene's King's Envoy 148 lb. 1
(Mr. Ip Kui-ying)
Mr. C. H. Chan's Old Fashioned 140 lb. 2
(Mr. Yuen)
Mr. S. W. Lee's Blaisdon 158 lb. 3
(Mr. Chao)

Won by two lengths; half length between second and third.
Time: 1 minute 19.4/5 secs.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$19.80. Places \$7.80; \$16.10; \$7.30.

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Race 1
No. 1220 \$695.38
" 291 196.68
" 499 99.34

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Race 2
No. 1090 \$1094.77
" 1002 308.94
" 1120 154.97

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 193, 682, 567, 309, 941.

Race 3
No. 877 \$1279.84
" 289 305.44
" 282 182.72

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): No. 678.

Race 4
No. 06344 \$8676
" 03172 2738
" 12613 1368

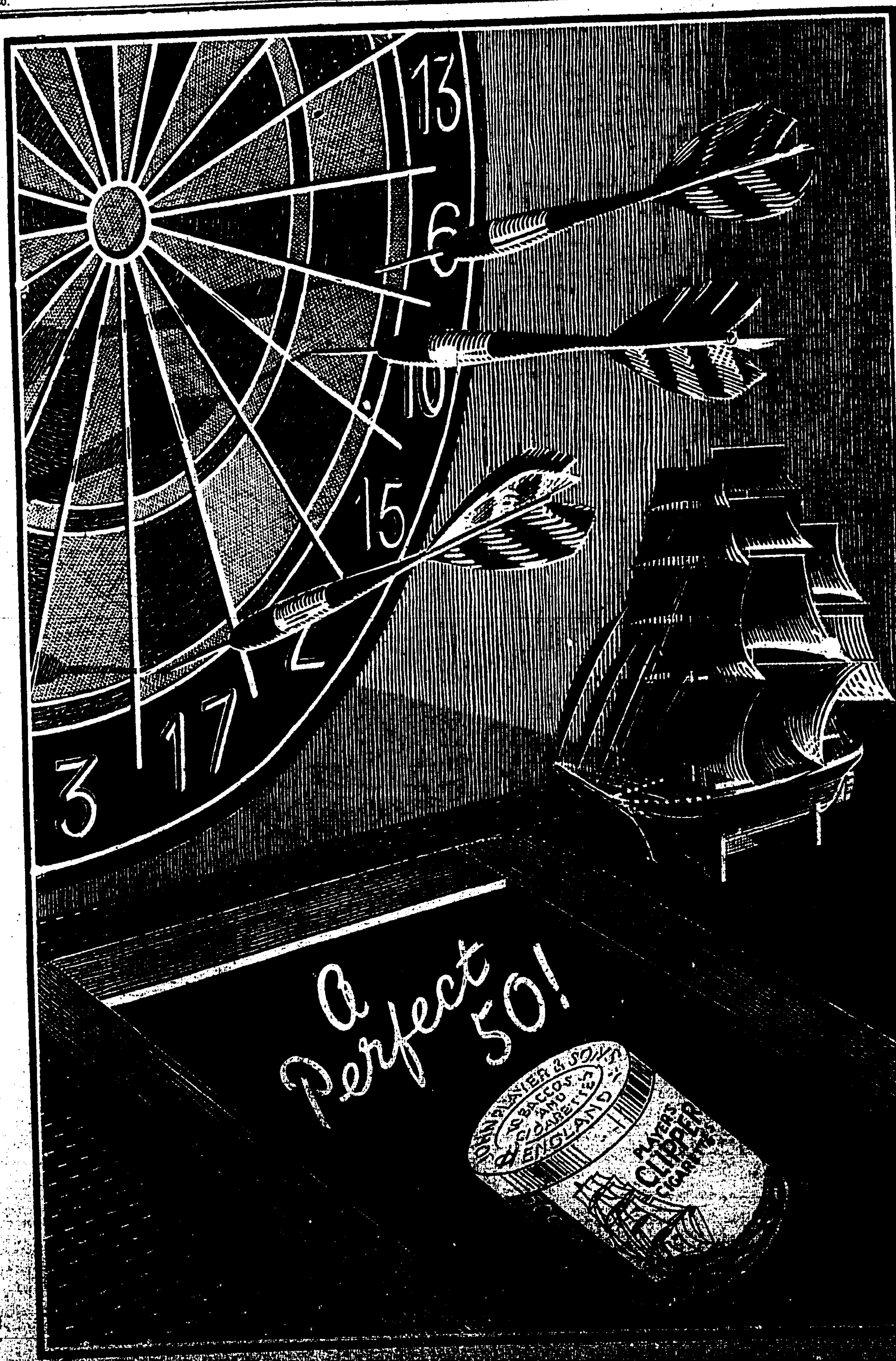
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EFFECTS OF BRITISH BLOCKADE

Amsterdam, To-day.
The effect of the British blockade on German exports becomes surprisingly apparent at Dutch frontier stations, according to reports from the Dutch German border.

For the greater part of the day, according to these reports, a great stillness reigns at stations through which a short time ago long goods trains passed en route to Amsterdam and Rotterdam with heavy loads of German goods for America and elsewhere.—Reuter.

CHEAP SALE OF RICE

Shanghai, To-day.
Thousands of less fortunate Shanghai Chinese jammed a hundred rice-shops all over the city yesterday as the "Cheap Sale" Campaign was formally opened.

Despite the sub-zero weather, long queues of men and women and children, fully equipped with bags, pots and pans, stood outside the shops long before the opening hour.

Allotted 50 bags of Saigon Rice for the day's sales by the Shanghai Rice Shops Guild, sponsors of the campaign, everyone of the participating stores reported a complete sell-out at the end of the day.

It is estimated that approximately 70,000 people benefited.—Reuter.

AMERICAN ARRESTED IN TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day.

James Russel Young, Far Eastern representative of the International News Service and former business manager of the "Japan Advertiser," has been taken to Marinouchi Police Station "for examination."

All documents in his possession have been seized.

The charge against him is not disclosed but possibly may be in connection with a tour in Western China recently conducted by Young.—Reuter.

SECRET NAZI TROOP MOVEMENTS

Amsterdam, To-day.

Precautions taken on the German side to prevent passengers from looking out of windows between Benthelm and Osnabrueck are presumed to be due to great troop movements in the past week.

Numerous troop trains passed through the junction at Loshze, Westphalia, headed southwestwards, and many troops have been taken from northwestern Germany to points further south.—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN TANKER BOUGHT BY MEXICO

Mexico City, To-day.

The purchase of a Norwegian tanker of 10,000 tons as the first of a fleet of large sea-going tankers for the Mexican Petroleum Administration is announced by the Government oil agency.—Reuter.

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London, To-day.

The crew of the Norwegian steamer Notos have arrived at a northern port and state that they were attacked by a U-boat off St. Kilda.

A loud explosion and dense smoke came from the U-boat, which disappeared in a manner suggesting she may have been sunk.—Reuter.

*** Built at Newcastle in 1905, the Notos was a vessel of 3,270 tons. Owned by Johan C. Wiese, she was registered at Bergen and was 331 feet long.

London, To-day.

The British blockade has prevented any petrol from getting through direct from the United States to Germany; Russia, however, probably obtained over 1,300,000 barrels since the war started, according to the Washington correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

One of the questions now being asked is whether any American petrol going to Russia is finding its way to Germany.

Nearly all the oil is shipped from California and once it has reached Russian shores nothing is known of its ultimate destination.

Soviet imports of American petrol in September amounted to 48,000 barrels; it rose to 318,500 in October and was 317,000 in November.

Officials here point out that very little of this was of the highest grade suitable for the use of aeroplanes, and it is believed that the so-called "moral embargo" invoked against the export of refining machinery will prevent this increased export from being used in the campaign against Finland.—Reuter.

The Hong Kong authorities are inquiring into the cause of the recent clash between interned Chinese soldiers and the police at the Argyle Street Internment Camp, according to the vernacular press this afternoon.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo is reported to have stated that discussions are going on between Government representatives and Chinese members of the Legislative Council to prevent similar occurrences.

London, To-day.

Latest victim of the Nazi war on shipping is the Blue Funnel liner, Protesilaus, well-known in the Far East.

The Protesilaus, which is a big freighter of about 10,000 tons, was sunk by a torpedo or mine yesterday.

Her crew of 60, many of whom are Chinese, are reported to be safe.—Reuter.

*** There is no mention of any passengers being aboard at the time of the sinking.

Paris, To-day.

Seventy per cent of the Polish Navy has succeeded in escaping and joining the Allied Forces, states a communique issued by the High Command of the Polish Army in France, broadcast by the French wireless.

The communique states that the pre-war Navy totalled 26,564 tons, of which 18,174 tons were saved. Almost the entire Polish merchant navy was saved.—Reuter.

*** The Polish fleet included 4 destroyers, 5 submarines, one 2,200-ton minelayer, 2 gunboats, 4 minesweepers, 5 old torpedo boats and several lesser craft. There was a flotilla of 8 river monitors on the Danube.

Shanghai, To-day.

A conference between Wang Ching-wei, Wang Keh-ming and Liang Hung-chi concerning the formation of a Central Puppet Government is to begin in Tsingtao to-morrow, it is reported here.

Wang Keh-min flew from Peiping to Tsingtao in a plane provided by the Japanese yesterday.—Our Own Correspondent.

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